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# Sniper's Dad, Wife Are Splitting Up

By **MONA MORRIS**  
Herald Staff Writer

## WEST PALM BEACH

The second wife of Charles A. Whitman Jr., 47, father of Texas sniper Charles J. Whitman, filed suit for separate maintenance Tuesday in Circuit Court.

Mrs. Whitman, in the complaint, said she was expecting a baby this month.

Mrs. Whitman alleged "extreme cruelty" and "mental anguish," and said Whitman had made "constant threats" of suicide.

Whitman's son, Charles, gunned down 14 persons from the University of Texas tower in Austin before he was shot dead by policeman.

Prior to the tower spree in August, 1966, Charles killed his mother and wife.

At his Lake Worth home, Whitman said Tuesday that he didn't know his wife's complaint was being filed.

"She's just a young girl that I married two months ago — no, it's not two months yet," he said. They were married Nov. 12, 1966 in Georgia.

Whitman said his wife had left their home Jan. 2, and was living with her parents "because she was having all

this pain" with her pregnancy.

In the complaint, Mrs. Whitman said that she and her husband had a "violent quarrel" on that date.

"The defendant then took the plaintiff's wedding rings, a coat he had given her and a watch he had given her as a Christmas gift and told her to leave," the complaint asserted.

The complaint stated that besides the expected baby, Mrs. Whitman has a three-year-old son "neither being the children of the defendant." It stated that Whitman had full knowledge of this when they were married and had agreed to accept them as his own and provide for their support.

The marriage was happy for several weeks, Mrs. Whitman asserted; then Whitman's conduct "became completely erratic, the defendant cursing and harassing the plaintiff at one moment and

crying and begging for her forgiveness the next."

He made constant threats to "end it all," according to the suit.

The complaint said that on one occasion, Whitman entered a room carrying a gun and announced to the people there, including his wife, that he was going to "blow his brains out."

Whitman "talked constantly about his deceased wife and son, who had met their deaths violently, and how he had mistreated them," the suit said.

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# Tumor Cited In Whitman Case Study

By Nicholas C. Chriss  
Los Angeles Times

AUSTIN, Tex., Sept. 8—A blue-ribbon panel of experts that made a medical and psychiatric investigation into the background of Charles J. Whitman reported today it was unable to find any new or conclusive evidence that might have motivated the sniper's murderous rampage.

The only new finding revealed by the study of Whitman was that the 25-year-old college student would have died within a year from a golf-ball-sized, malignant tumor in his brain. Whitman killed 16 persons last month before police shot him to death on the University of Texas observation tower.

The experts were unable to link the tumor directly to his actions and stated merely that he was "strongly impelled by emotional influences beyond his control."

"However, the highly malignant brain tumor conceivably could have contributed to his inability to control his emotions and actions," the report added.

The report also said it found no evidence that Whitman's act could have been triggered by the drugs he was known to have taken for stimulation.

The report described Whitman as an "intelligent, intense and driven young man" living under conditions of "increasing, personal stress from which he felt he could not escape, and which he could not master."

The panel said Whitman had chosen studies at school that he was poorly equipped to handle, was deeply concerned over the separation of his parents, showed particular hostility toward his father and had not consulted a physician within the last four months of his life concerning severe headaches he suffered.

Among the recommendations made by the panel was a proposed "re-learning" program for combat-trained, military personnel that would "de-emphasize in their minds those hostile acts taught as laudatory in time of war." Whitman was a former Marine and an expert on guns.

The committee also recommended that "communications media" review their role and attitude in obtaining and disseminating news of violent acts, cooperating with educational agencies to determine the best means to serve public welfare. One member added that he thought there was too much violence shown on television programs.

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THE PANEL RECOMMENDED THAT FINANCIAL AID BE OFFERED TO PERSONS WHOSE CAREERS HAVE BEEN INTERRUPTED OR PERMANENTLY ALTERED AS A RESULT OF THIS TRAGEDY."

"IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITY FOR FOLLOWING THE PROGRESS OF THE INJURED SURVIVORS AND ASSISTING THEM IN MEETING THEIR NEEDS BE ASSIGNED TO AN EXISTING GROUP OR ELEMENT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS OR OF THE STATE OR TO A GROUP COMMISSIONED FOR THIS PURPOSE," THE REPORT SAID.

AMONG THE PANEL'S RECOMMENDATIONS WAS ONE THAT MILITARY PERSONNEL TO BE RETRAINED TO DEEMPHASIZE ANY LEARNED INCLINATION TO KILL.

"IT IS BELIEVED POSSIBLE FOR MILITARY PERSONNEL WHO HAVE BEEN TRAINED TO KILL TO RELEARN IN SUCH A WAY AS TO DEEMPHASIZE IN THEIR MINDS THE HOSTILE ACTS TAUGHT AS LAUDATORY IN TIME OF WAR," THE REPORT, PREPARED BY 32 EXPERTS, SAID.

"IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT APPROPRIATE CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN PROGRAMS FOR RELEARNING AMONG COMBAT-TRAINED MILITARY PERSONNEL PRIOR TO THEIR RETURN TO CIVILIAN LIFE AND THAT, IF SUCH PROGRAMS ARE FOUND TO BE EFFECTIVE, THEY BE REQUIRED BY ALL MILITARY FORCES AS A PREREQUISITE FOR SEPARATION FROM THE SERVICE."

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(WHITMAN)

AUSTIN, TEX. --GOV. JOHN CONNALLY WILL ANNOUNCE TOMORROW THE FINDINGS OF A BLUE-RIBBON STUDY GROUP OF PATHOLOGISTS AND PSYCHOLOGISTS WHO HAVE STUDIED THE BRAIN OF MASS-MURDERER CHARLEY WHITMAN.

WHITMAN SHOT AND KILLED 14 PERSONS AND WOUNDED 28 OTHERS FROM A SNIPER'S LAIR ATOP THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS TOWER LAST AUG. 1 AFTER FIRST KILLING HIS WIFE AND MOTHER.

CONNALLY APPOINTED THE 10-MAN STUDY GROUP, HEADED BY DR. LEE CLARK OF M. D. ANDERSON TUMOR INSTITUTE. THEIR FINDINGS WILL BE ANNOUNCED BY CONNALLY AT A NEWS CONFERENCE.

THE COMMITTEE BEGAN ITS WORK AUG. 8. NOT ONLY DID THEY STUDY WHITMAN'S BRAIN TO FIND SOME POSSIBLE CLUE TO HIS ACTIONS BUT THOROUGHLY INVESTIGATED HIS BACKGROUND. DOCTORS DISCOVERED THAT WHITMAN'S BRAIN CONTAINED A SMALL TUMOR.

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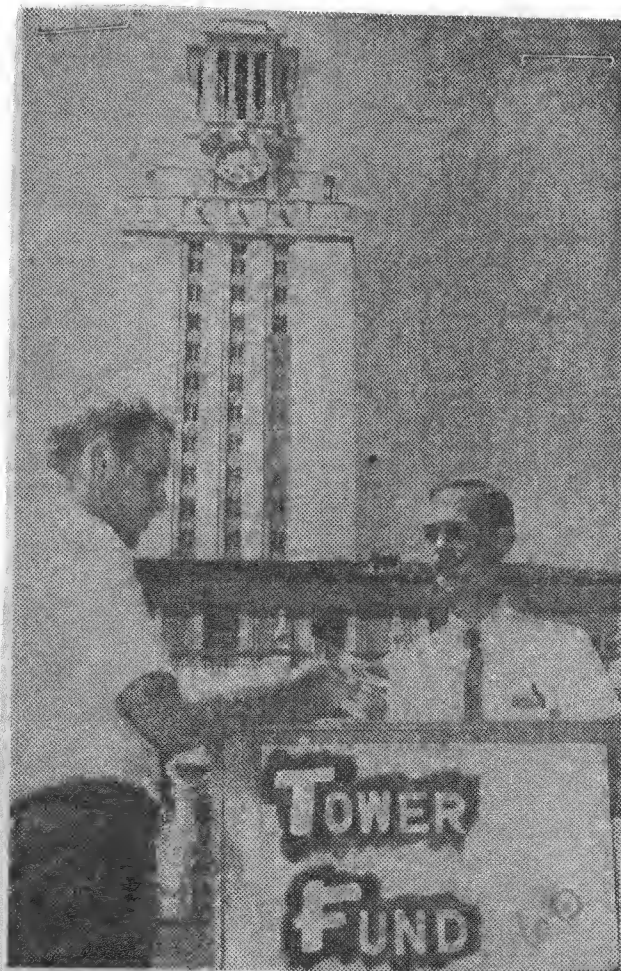
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**AIDING TOWER VICTIMS**—University of Texas students David Aderman (left), Milwaukee, and Larry Chunn, Waco, Tex., are among the many students involved with collecting financial support for students recovering from wounds inflicted by sniper Charles Whitman Aug. 1. Several of the students are not able to bear the financial burden of recovery and a fund has been set up on campus for their benefit.

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(SNIPER)

AUSTIN--A NOTED TEXAS PSYCHIATRIST HAS WRITTEN GOV. JOHN CONNALLY CLAIMING SNIPER CHARLES JOSEPH WHITMAN'S AUG. 1 MURDER SPREE WAS CAUSED BY A TWO-CENTIMETER BRAIN TUMOR.

WHITMAN, A 25-YEAR-OLD ARCHITECTURAL STUDENT, FATALLY WOUNDED 14 PERSONS AND WOUNDED 32 OTHERS, SHOOTING FROM THE 29-STORY UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS TOWER WITH HIGH-POWERED RIFLES. HE PREVIOUSLY KILLED HIS WIFE AND MOTHER AND WAS SUBSEQUENTLY KILLED HIMSELF.

DR. GARY MILLER, DIRECTOR OF THE HARLINGEN, TEX., STATE ADULT MENTAL HEALTH CLINIC, SAID "THE TRAGIC EVENTS OF AUG. 1 HAD THEIR ORIGIN IN A TWO-CENTIMETER TUMOR LOCATED IN A VITAL AREA OF THE BRAIN OF CHARLES WHITMAN."

THE HARLINGEN PSYCHIATRIST, WHOSE LETTER ARRIVED IN AUSTIN TODAY, DID NOT TAKE PART IN THE AUTOPSY OF WHITMAN. HE SAID HIS INFORMATION, EXCEPT FOR ONE TELEPHONE VISIT WITH PATHOLOGIST DR. COLEMAN DE CHENAR, CAME FROM THE NEWS MEDIA.

HIS VIEWS COMPLETELY DISAGREE WITH DE CHENAR'S REPORT THAT THE BRAIN TUMOR WAS TOO SMALL AND DID NOT AFFECT ANY VITAL ORGANS, THEREFORE COULD HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH WHITMAN'S DEATH SPREE.

DE CHENAR PERFORMED THE AUTOPSY ON WHITMAN.

MILLER TOLD CONNALLY THE TUMOR WAS LOCATED "PRECISELY IN THE HEART OF A HIGHLY ORGANIZED AND COMPLEX SYSTEM OF NERVE CELLS THAT INTEGRATES, COORDINATES AND DIRECTS ACTIVITY OF ALL BRAIN LEVELS--INCLUDING THE CENTERS FOR EMOTIONAL EXPRESSION, MEMORY AND THOUGHT."

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ADD SNIPER, AUSTIN (UPI-171)

A LABORATORY REPORT FROM THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY (APS) TODAY FOUND NO ALCOHOL OR DRUGS IN WHITMAN'S BLOOD.

THE LONG-AWAITED BLOOD TEST REPORT, ISSUED BY JUSTICE OF THE PEACE JERRY DELLANA, PREPARED BY DPS LABORATORY CHIEF J. D. CHASTAIN.

CHASTAIN SAID TESTS WERE CONDUCTED TO SEE IF ANY ALCOHOL, BARBITUATES OR AMPHETAMINE WERE TO BE FOUND IN WHITMAN'S BLOOD. CHASTAIN SAID IT WOULD HAVE TAKEN A LARGE DOSE OF AMPHETAMINE TO SHOW UP IN THE AMOUNT OF BLOOD HE HAD TO WORK WITH, BUT THAT IF WHITMAN HAD ANY IN HIS BLOOD, IT WOULD HAVE TO BE AN "INSIGNIFICANT AMOUNT."

DELLANA SAID THE LAB REPORT WOULD BE HANDED OVER TO THE TRAVIS COUNTY GRAND JURY THURSDAY AND THAT A COPY WOULD BE SENT TO THE M.D. ANDERSON HOSPITAL IN HOUSTON, WHERE IT WILL BECOME PART OF THE HUGE INVESTIGATION INTO WHITMAN'S BACKGROUND ORDERED BY GOV. JOHN CONNALLY.

DELLANA SAID TODAY'S REPORT WOULD BE HIS FINAL REPORT ON WHITMAN'S AUTOPSY.

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AP MAN SHOT

# Austin Media Tell 'Blood Bath' Story

AUSTIN, Tex.

Some sort of sixth sense warned Robert Heard that the sniper would take a shot at him. In a hospital here, he recalled details of the biggest and most painful story he has yet covered for the Associated Press.

Propped up in bed he dictated his personal account for wire transmission of how he got a bullet through the shoulder as a member of the press corp covering Charles J. Whitman's mass campus killing of 15 persons last Monday.

"I didn't get it as bad as some of the others. The bullet went in here and there's a big hole in my back where it came out," said the 36-year-old former Marine officer who escaped death from the sniper in the University of Texas Tower by inches.

"That guy must be an incredible shot. We got the tip in the office there was a sniper in the tower and I was told to rush out to the campus . . . when we got to the university campus, we went to the North side of the tower where we could hear a popping noise . . . then we came to a wide open space about 150 yards where there was no protection . . . two patrolmen ran across the open area safely, and I said to myself, 'That gunman probably saw them and he will be waiting for me.' So I paused about five seconds before I took off . . . I was almost across the open space when something hit me . . ."

The wounding of Heard was one of a chain of fantastic developments to be recorded as news of Whitman's murderous rampage flashed into Austin news media offices.

The tragic story developed as the Austin *American-Statesman* was about to go to press at noon.

That first city police radio transmission (at 11:48 a.m.) was heard on monitors in the *American-Statesman* city room and in the studios of tv and radio stations.

Almost instantly after the first transmission a police unit in the university area answered back to headquarters that a weapon was being fired from atop the tower, that at least five persons were down. The unit requested—and got—permission to return the sniper fire.

At that minute—11:53 a.m.—the *American-Statesman* dispatched three reporters and three photographers to the scene, 20 blocks to the north. The front page dummy for the afternoon *Statesman* had been completed in advance of the 12:15 p.m. copy desk deadline. An indefinite hold was ordered.

Newsmen arriving at the scene found working conditions realistically simulating battlefield combat as Whitman made a no-man's land of deadly accurate high-powered rifle fire of an area two blocks in every direction from the tower.

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For the next 80 minutes radio and tv broadcast from the safety of distant points ringing the campus. The newspaper kept the story running as police units called their shots on the radio. Sporadic reports came to the city room from reporters on the scene, hemmed in and pinned down by Whitman's fire.

Other reports came from the emergency room of Brackenridge Hospital where the first of Whitman's 46 campus victims were taken—many of them having been rescued by an armored car from the no-man's land still strafed by the sniper's fire.

The death toll mounted by the minute, the wounded could hardly be counted or accounted for. About 1:15 p.m. a party of four law officers and one armed civilian gained safe entry to the tower to begin a daring capture-killing of Whitman. Groundfire at the tower continued. At 1:24 p.m. the officers on top of the tower confirmed what the entire city wanted to hear: the unknown sniper had been stopped. He lay dead.

Then at 1:24 p.m. the American-Statesman put a lead on the running story of the campus blood bath. Shortly after 1:30 p.m., Al Williams, calling from inside the tower, gave the newspaper the name: Charles J. Whitman.

At 2 p.m. the lead cleared the copy desk. By 2:45 p.m. the afternoon home edition, carrying "extra" ears, was on the streets with a banner proclaiming "Nine Dead, 33 Injured."

Press coverage became well organized. Police Chief Bob Miles called a 2:15 p.m. press conference to confirm Whitman's identification and events up to that time. At 4 p.m. Miles held a press conference to reveal that Whitman's wife and mother had been found dead.

At 4:15 p.m. University Chancellor Harry Ransom held a press conference in the journalism building to discuss Whitman's academic record and distribute a picture of the man. By this time a press center had been set up in the journalism building and more than 60 local and state newsmen had been accredited.

By the time the police chief held a 7 p.m. conference members of the nation's press corps had started arriving in Austin.

Miles' Tuesday conference at 11 a.m. was packed. The university had accredited 124 newsmen, including 36 from outside the state and two foreign correspondents (Epoca, Milan, Italy, and Stern, Germany).

The entire editorial staff of the American-Statesman stayed on the story Monday from the time it broke until just short of the midnight deadline. A shocked city had come to a standstill—it took only perfunctory coverage to cover the rest of Austin's news, if any other happening could even be deemed news on that day.

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## People

CHARLES A. Whitman Jr., father of the University of Texas sniper who fatally shot 16, met the Austin policeman who killed his son and embraced him. "I have no animosity," he said. "In fact I have respect for you for doing your job." Mr. Whitman asked to see his son's arsenal of guns. Fingering the 6.1 mm. rifle his son used, Mr. Whitman said: "This is some gun."

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## Puts Silencer On 'Air Pistol'

A Brooklyn mail order firm has agreed to stop advertising for sale in the state a 6-inch-long "air pistol" that fires 20 slugs in rapid succession, State Attorney General Louis J. Lefkowitz said yesterday.

The agreement came after an investigation by Special Investigator Ralph Resto of Oscar and Jorge Salas, who do business as the Chester Co., of 351 Rogers Ave., Brooklyn. Resto said an ad in a Spanish-language publication contained a drawing of the "pistol for adults" and promised same-day shipment.

Lefkowitz said the Salas brothers agreed to stop advertising the sale of weapons "which may lead to injury of persons or property in violation of any New York State or New York City law."

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## 17th Sniper Victim Dies Another Still 'Critical'

AUSTIN, Tex. (AP) — Charles J. Whitman's reign of terror claimed its 17th victim today one week after the sniper raked the University of Texas campus with a barrage of gunfire from the tower of the main building.

Karen Griffith, 17, of Austin died early today at Brackenridge Hospital, a spokesman said. She had been in critical condition since a bullet from Whitman's rifle struck her in the chest last Monday.

One other person, Mrs. Mary Gabour, 41, of Texarkana, is in critical condition at Brackenridge with head wounds.

Authorities expected a report today which may show whether Whitman had taken a drug before the slayings.

Officers found dextedrine pills, known as goof balls, with Whitman's body after he was slain by Austin policemen.

An earlier autopsy report did not mention any drugs but the report expected today will include tests of blood samples.

It was one week ago today that Whitman killed his mother, Mrs. C. A. Whitman, and his wife, Kathleen, 23, and then barricaded himself on an observation deck above the 27th floor of the university's main building.

Armed with an arsenal of guns and pistols, he fired for 90 minutes at anyone within range, killing 13 persons and wounding 31.

Besides Mrs. Gabour, 13 other persons remain in Austin hospitals with less serious wounds.

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# State Gun Control Laws

By HOLLIE I. WEST  
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK—Most states have no laws against the purchase of rifles or shotguns despite growing pressure for stiffer regulations, an Associated Press survey shows.

Of 40 states checked, only two—New Jersey and Rhode Island—require a prospective purchaser to obtain a rifle permit. New Jersey requires a person to apply to local police for a \$2 lifetime identification card. The police then investigate the applicant's background and fingerprint him before issuing the card.

Maine and West Virginia laws stipulate that gun dealers report to police any person buying a rifle or shotgun.

Virginia, alone of the states reporting, has no gun-control law. Connecticut state police say that the sale and purchase of rifles in their state is "pretty much unregulated." And in Texas, where Charles J. Whitman shot and killed 15 persons from a 27-story tower with high-powered rifles, there is no law against carrying rifles, carbines and shotguns.

Of the states canvassed, 20 require permits for pistols. New York, which has one of the strictest state laws, requires that a prospec-

tive purchaser of a pistol be a resident of or principally employed in the state.

After investigations by the local police and in state mental hygiene files, the person must be photographed and fingerprinted. The fingerprints are checked with the FBI and the State Department of Correction.

If all this is approved, the person must obtain a permit from a judge of any court of record who can turn down an application without appeal.

About 15 states have laws forbidding the carrying of concealable weapons, or hand guns. Ohio makes an exception of persons "engaged in lawful business and circumstances justifying carrying a weapon in defense of person," such as a businessman carrying a pistol while taking cash to a bank late at night.

The states are virtually unanimous in forbidding the sale of firearms to felons. But in California any felon who has served time for crimes such as assault with a deadly weapon, manslaughter or murder can obtain a weapon with no restrictions as long as it is not concealable.

Some states permit gun collectors

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to own large firearms. Ohio officials estimate that 2,000 to 3,000 Ohioans, mostly collectors, own machine guns. The weapons are registered with federal authorities.

To purchase a machine gun in California, a person need only obtain the approval of the chief of the State Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation.

Some western states still have laws that carry over from pioneer days when youngsters were expected to bear arms to protect the family. Montana, Oregon and Utah require that a person be only 14 to obtain a gun permit.

A spokesman for the gun industry estimated that there are enough guns in the United States to arm half the population, or more than 100 million firearms.

But Charles Dickey, director of the National Shooting Sports Foundation, Inc., is hopeful that pending legislation in Congress, if passed, will help guard against dangerous persons with guns.

"Generally speaking, we are certainly for legislation if it will help clean up the crime situation," He said. "And we think it can be designed to do just that. There are at least a dozen bills down there that would go a long way toward clearing up the loopholes."



Guns and ammunition used by sniper on University of Texas tower.

—United Press International

# Our Fetish of the Gun

By Henry Fairlie

Fairlie is a British journalist now writing from Washington.

"ONE OF THE GUNS in Whitman's arsenal was a .12-gauge shot-gun bought on credit at Sears, Roebuck & Co. after 9:30 a.m. today, police said."

That one sentence in The Washington Post Tuesday tells where the madness of a society lies. Not that Charles Joseph Whitman needed to make this last-minute purchase. If the first stories are true, he had worked all night assembling his arsenal in his home. He already had to hand a 6-mm Remington magnum rifle with a telescopic sight, a .35-caliber Remington pump rifle, a .30-caliber reconditioned Army carbine, a 9-mm Luger pistol and a .357 magnum pistol.

This—not the disturbed mind of one wretched individual—is what is shocking, and the world will look with fear at a country, with the peace of the world in its hands, which makes a private arsenal so accessible to its citizens.

There is no feature of American society that does more damage to its reputation abroad than the ease with which men and women and children can purchase—then carry—then use—firearms, whether rifles or shotguns, pistols or revolvers, or even cannons. "It is past time that we wipe this stain of violence from our land," Sen. Robert F. Kennedy said last year, testifying before a Senate subcommittee. The stain is larger now, and those who count themselves friends of America can only gasp with dismay at an Administration and a Congress which, year by year, shirk their simplest duty.

## World of Grim Fantasy

INCREDULOUS of the facts as he uncovers them, incredulous of what he sees with his own eyes, the outsider goes on searching for an explanation. Help has come to him—at this morbidly appropriate moment—with the publication of "The Right to Bear Arms" by Carl Bakal (McGraw-Hill; \$6.95). His book records, with cold but moving contempt, the current gun lore in America and the way in which it is fed and nourished by the manufacturers, the dealers and the

## Rest of World Asks, Is U.S. Brave Enough To Take Legislative Aim at Uncurbed Purchase of Firearms?

One feels, as one reads the book, in a world of the grimmest fantasy. Rifles and shotguns, revolvers and pistols, of course, can be bought in most states almost without restriction, or by mail order. But cannons can be bought; too, and muzzle-loaders, which leave those who fire them "black with powder and a little deaf." Fantasy it may all be, but 17,000 persons die each year in America by gunshot.

"Halt! You'll speak with authority!" "Submachine Gun for Father's Day." The advertisements speak all too clearly. "That deceptively cute little gun known as the derringer," says one catalogue, was powerful enough to polish off "two of our country's Presidents, Abraham Lincoln and William McKinley"; and one salesman suggested to a woman customer a .22 automatic which "could run a hemstitch right up anybody's gut," or a .25-caliber revolver "for slower but more accurate needlework."

Fetishism and atavism: by quotation after quotation, each so monstrous that it is hard to believe them, Bakal shows how these are the principal motives why the gun still occupies such an obscene place in American society.

## Leveler Not Equalizer

THE FOLKLORE of the Revolution—"what took the Minutemen from Lexington and Concord to Yorktown"—and the experience of the frontier; the craving to prove virility—"the privileges and rights of manhood"—and the belief that the gun is an equalizer (it would be more to the point to call it a leveler—the final one). In no other country are the world are such lunatic

reasons put forward for justifying the personal possession of firearms.

In no other country—it is this that an outsider, educated to love America and learning now how to love it, wants to drum home—in no other country is the gun taken to be a symbol of freedom and an insigne of virility.

But, of course, the question—the practical, immediate, urgent question—is a political one. Again and again, it has been shown in public opinion polls that the great majority of the American people would support legislation restricting the sale of firearms. But,

again and again, as Bakal shows in a story which he tells with relentless impact, the gun lobby, "one of the Nation's most powerful yet least-known lobbies," gets its way in Congress.

Out of his story, three points stand out; and if I seem innocently shocked by things which are taken for granted in this country, all I can answer is that one act of real political leadership could break the thrall of the gun in American life.

## Linked With Conservation

FIRST, I AM shocked at the ramifications of the gun lobby, especially its close connection with, of all bodies, the National Wildlife Federation and the Wildlife Management Institute. Both of these bodies are creations of the arms industry, and the connection between them and the Na-

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tional Rifle Association is fully explored by Bakal. That the arms industry is allowed to protect itself behind the cover of *conservation* bodies is surely a proper matter for legislation.

Secondly, Bakal makes a deadly point when he reveals that the gunmen of the country are supported by the Federal Government at the cost of the taxpayer. "This partnership between the Government and the NRA," writes Bakal, "stems from a Defense Department program run by the Army's National Board for the Promotion of Rifle Practice, which the NRA was instrumental in setting up back in 1903, admittedly to secure Government aid."

The Government—the taxpayer—supplies ammunition, guns and other equipment, free to marksmen; and, as The Washington Post once asked, why not, then, to "hiking clubs (very good for the infantry), to polo teams (very good for the cavalry)," etc.

Thirdly, as one reads Bakal's account of how the recent attempts at legislation have been defeated by the gun lobby, one can only wonder at how craven the legislators—the solons, are they not called?—of a free country can be. There is no evidence, as far as I can see, of open corruption. There is evidence only that the Senators and the Representatives falter before the pressure of a "highly vocal and often downright vitriolic" lobby.

## Default on Tragic Scale

**A** GAIN AND AGAIN, as Bakal tells the story, one sees the members of a congressional committee (especially since President Kennedy's assassination) steeling themselves to the most humane task they could accomplish—and then surrendering.

Last year, Rep. Wilburn Mills told me that, in 1966, legislation to restrict the sale and purchase of guns would possibly be one of the measures to advance the Great Society. No bill has emerged.

This is default on a tragic—a mean—scale. There is an element of violence in American society which the outsider has to learn to comprehend. History and character cannot be reversed and changed overnight. But this is no excuse for allowing violence such an easy access to the weapons which it not only needs, but which actually encourage it, tempt it, incite it. However much I may love and admire America, its gun laws come near to ruling it out of civilized society.

I will offer only one vision, and ask Americans to try to contemplate it. In a situation such as that at Austin, the British police would have made every effort to take Whitman without themselves being armed. Only when such

an effort had failed, and perhaps not even then, would they have been allowed to use firearms against him. Six shots into a criminal are no answer to anything. Ramon Martinez was a brave policeman. A society needs to be braver and disarm itself.



To bear arms — his right?



Associated Press

*This is the Whitman arsenal found in the tower of the University of Texas after he was killed.*



# Shooting People: American Disease

By Karl E. Meyer

LONDON—Not all the gold in Moscow and Peking could have purchased more wretched publicity for the United States than Charles Whitman's salvo of bullets in Austin. In Britain, at least, the effect was to confirm popular suspicion that mayhem is part of the American way of death.

All London newspapers carried extensive reports on the day of carnage on the campus, and most mass-circulation papers carried shocked appraisals of America's laws—or rather, lack of laws—concerning the purchase of arms.

"More Americans are shot in peace than war," ran a headline in the *Daily Express*. "Mail-order murder," blazoned a streamer in the *Evening News*. Cassandra, the influential columnist in the *Daily Mirror*, began his piece: "On Monday, an American citizen, exercising his much-vaunted right to bear arms, shot and killed 13 people and wounded 32 others in Austin, state capital of Texas."

A perversely peaceful people, the British simply cannot understand why the Constitution of the United States is invoked to guarantee that every lunatic, would-be assassin and law-breaker should be able to buy a gun from his friendly neighborhood firearm dealer.

AN ARTICLE about guns in the *Economist* began on Friday by noting that in July more homicides were recorded in Chicago than in any previous month—72 in all. This can be compared with a total of 36 murders for the entire year of 1965 in London, which has twice as many inhabitants as Chicago.

Figures like this are read with perplexity by Britons, and the total effect is to suggest that America is a country deeply stained by violence. The Austin shootings were seen in the disquieting context of killings past—President Kennedy's assassination, recent violence in Negro slums, the murder of eight nurses in Chicago charged to a suspect who has "born to raise hell" tattooed on his arm.

The New York correspondent of the *Daily Express*, Henry Lowrie, struck the common mood:

"I have lived here for 20 years and found friendship and neighborliness the like of which would be hard to discover in Britain or any European country. And yet the unease of living in a society where barely concealed violence is always beneath the surface has never left me."

Writing from Washington, Henry Fairlie commented in the *Evening News*: "In no other country in the world is the gun so widely regarded as a symbol of freedom and an insignia of identity."

In the British press, the Austin tragedy was invariably related to the ease with which firearms may be bought in America. Referring to Mr. Kennedy's assassin, Lee Harvey Oswald, the *Daily Sketch* wrote: The cases of Oswald and Whitman are similar in one vital respect: Both bought guns as easily as toffee."

IN BRITAIN, police permits are required for buying weapons, and they are granted only for restricted use by sportsmen or in exceptional cases when authorities are convinced that possession of a gun is warranted.

Absence of easy access to guns is not, of itself, the explanation for the lack of violence in Britain. But it is surely an important factor. The British, for example, do not make a national habit of murdering their political leaders. The only Prime Minister ever assassinated was Spencer Perceval in 1812.

Unfortunately, the rash of violence in the United States merely tend to reinforce popular belief that Americans are trigger-happy. Publicly unfurled, the Austin massac. British misgivings about the Kennedy assassination due to news reports about *Inquest*, the book by Edward Jay Epstein questioning the official verdict reached by the Warren Commission.

All of this is tied up with Texas, and a Texan happens to be President of the United States. Even Britons sympathetic to American purposes in Vietnam express the concern that Mr. Johnson, as a Texan, brings the quality of impulsive violence to his conduct of the war.

It is a matter for wonder in Britain that America has not long ago passed the very mild legislation controlling sale of firearms proposed after Mr. Kennedy's death. It is of course generally understood that an archaic clause in the Constitution guarantees the right to bear arms.

But Cassandra is not alone in asking whether this "holy and deadly writ" means that the American male, when he means that the American male, when he "feels he wants to express his strong manly personality" should be free "to drill holes in 45 fellow citizens at high speed in the blazing Texas sun."

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## Babcock Hits Bill to Curb Sale of Guns

HELENA, Mont., (AP)—Gov. Tim Babcock said he hopes the shootings on the University of Texas campus will not stampede the U.S. Senate into passing the Dodd bill to control sale of firearms.

"It would be about the same as restricting the sale of automobiles because of our increasing traffic accident rate," he said in a prepared statement. "It makes no more sense to blame the gun than to blame the car."

The governor, a Republican, is campaigning for the Senate seat now held by Sen. Lee Metcalf, D-Mont. The firearms control law is sponsored by Sen. Thomas Dodd, D-Conn.

The governor said there is no statistical connection between the availability of guns and crime. He said New York, with severe restrictions on gun ownership for many years, has a "much higher" crime rate per capita than Helena, where gun ownership is nearly universal.

Babcock said the Dodd bill would place a burden on the law abiding user of firearms but would not have prevented the Texas massacre.

All Dodd's legislation and other similar proposals would do, the governor said, "is make it more difficult to purchase, possess and transport firearms by the sportsman and shooter. The requirements will be ignored by the criminal and it is naive to think that the law-breaker will comply."

Babcock said he would prefer other legislative proposals to stiffen penalties where firearms are used to commit a crime.

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# Letters to the Editor

## Tragedy in Austin

How many more "senseless" massacres must we tolerate before we take the guns out of the hands of the sick and demented—and all the rest of us who, through the tensions of life and the frailties of the flesh may someday be lead to perpetrate a senseless act?

Ironic, isn't it, that the same society which permits idiots and juveniles to buy rifles and pistols won't let a druggist sell you an effective sleeping pill except on a doctor's prescription?

The firearms industry—evidently as callous about the lethal effects of its products as the motor industry has shown itself to be—is riding for a fall.

But how many innocent college students, professors, mothers and sons still are fated to fall victims of trigger happy misfits before society stops this senseless traffic in weapons?

JAMES E. BRYAN.

Washington.

CHARLES WHITMAN

The tragedy at the University of Texas again calls attention to the ease with which anyone can buy deadly weapons and accumulate an arsenal. Congress should override the opposition of the National Rifle Association and other such organizations and pass some kind of weapons control law.

GEORGE K. SCHUELLER.  
Silver Spring.

The other day I was told I could not purchase a blank starting pistol (which because the barrel is solid cannot be used to shoot a projectile) for use in training retrieving dogs without a 7-day waiting period. I guess this is reasonable. For it follows that if one is obsessed with an idea no amount of argument, logic, nor the U.S. Constitution to the contrary, will change the view of a positive individual, or in this case *The Washington Post*.

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So people do not like guns. They fear them. That they cannot shoot a projectile in my particular case or that they are not usually used in crime, murder, rape by most people is not at issue. Guns are bad. Period. Again the lines are drawn for a contest between a highly vocal minority and the rest of the population. We have all heard the arguments.

But I wonder if the late Mr. Whitman had used a more powerful, more terrible, less closely governed metal object—say, the automobile—for his instrument of death whether this same vocal minority might not have only shrugged, sighed and murmured a compassionate but resigned: "These things happen."

GEORGE BRAGAW.  
Frederick.

In all the hysteria about guns, no one seems to have observed the thing that made the Kennedy assassination and the the Austin murders possible—the telescopic sight. The Congress should pass a law that outlaws the telescopic sight for rifles, just as silencers are outlawed.

WILLARD R. MOODY.  
New York City.

The recent Austin massacre and urban riots suggest again an urgent requirement for added controls over civilian possession of firearms. It seems incomprehensible that we are required to be licensed to operate such lethal weapons as automobiles and aircraft, and are required to obtain prescriptions for lethal or dangerous drugs, and yet readily permit the young and old, sick and healthy, qualified and unqualified to possess firearms, perhaps the most lethal hand-operated weapon of all.

The military services, as an acknowledged profession of arms, not only require full qualification of individuals prior to issuance of firearms, but maintain strict accountability over all firearms even in combat zones. Our law enforcement agencies at all lev-

els have similar disciplines. Yet in the interest of "sport" and/or "family protection," firearms are accessible to anyone with a postage stamp.

As the parents of three daughters, my wife and I have never felt that any potential threat to our family security justified in itself the real risk of accidents resulting from carelessness, curiosity or other improper handling or use of firearms in the house. Although not a hunter or marksman hobbyist, I personally would have no objection to a requirement for licensing and qualification if I decided to join the ranks of either, outside the home.

Those with military service (27 years in my case) and, I suspect, law enforcement services have a healthy respect for firearms that others ap-

parently do not share. How many more accidents, "explosive" quarrels, civil riots, or Austin massacres will be required to generate this same healthy respect in others, with a corresponding willingness to submit to more stringent controls, is a source of increasing and deep concern.

S. E. TERRILL.  
Falls Church.

The barbarity of our culture which puts armed violence into the imaginations of sick minds, and the laxity of our gun laws which attempt no restraint on this malady, are most deeply to be regretted when foreign guests must suffer for our own communal sins. Professor Robert H. Boyer from Liverpool, England, had been a visitor at the University of Texas; by his own research, and by the help he gave to other theoretical physicists there, he contributed significantly to the work of a distinguished group of young scientists at that University. After some other visits in the United States he returned to Austin on Sunday night to clear his office before a planned departure Monday evening to join his vacationing wife in Scotland.

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Two bullets in his head short his errands at University, his vacation in his life. Whatever condolence we dare offer his wife an born child must embarrass and enrage them while we absolutely withhold any aid to discourage the next disaster.

CHARLES W. MISNI  
Silver Spring.

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NEW YORK (UPI)--PUBLIC APATHY HAS BEEN A STRONG CONTRIBUTING FACTOR TO THE FAILURE OF CONGRESS TO PASS A GUN CONTROL LAW, A NEW YORK AUTHOR SAYS.

CARL BAKAL, ALSO A PUBLIC RELATIONS MAN, IS THE AUTHOR OF "THE RIGHT TO BEAR ARMS," A BOOK WHICH CALLS FOR NATIONAL LEGISLATION REQUIRING THE REGISTRATION OF ALL FIREARMS.

HE BELIEVES THAT THE NATIONAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION HAS PLAYED A LEADING ROLE IN THE FAILURE OF CONGRESS TO ACT. THE NRA STAUNCHLY OPPOSES NATIONAL CONTROLS AND HAS BEEN ACTIVE IN WASHINGTON IN CAMPAIGNING AGAINST SUCH PROPOSED LEGISLATION.

BAKAL SAID HE FINDS IT INCONCEIVABLE THAT CONGRESS HAS NOT PASSED A GUN LAW, DESPITE THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEY AND THE DAILY KILLINGS OF LESS PROMINENT AMERICANS WHICH GIVE THIS COUNTRY THE HIGHEST FIREARMS DEATH RATE IN THE WORLD.

"THE PRESIDENT FAVORS FIREARMS CONTROL," HE SAID.

"SO DO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, J. EDGAR HOOVER, THE BAR ASSOCIATION, THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CHIEFS OF POLICE AND MANY OTHER ORGANIZATIONS. A GALLUP POLL SHOWED THAT MORE THAN 80 PER CENT OF THE PEOPLE FAVOR REGISTRATION OF FIREARMS.

"BUT WHERE DO WE STAND IN CONGRESS? THE BILL THAT IS NEAREST TO GETTING SOMEWHERE (SEN. THOMAS J. DODD'S MAIL ORDER GUN BILL) WAS REPORTED OUT BY THE SENATE'S JUVENILE DELINQUENCY SUBCOMMITTEE IN MARCH AND SINCE THEN IT HAS LANGUISED IN THE PARENT JUDICIARY COMMITTEE.

"EVEN THAT IS THE CLOSEST WE HAVE COME IN 28 YEARS, SINCE CONGRESS PASSED THE FEDERAL FIREARMS ACT (WHICH REQUIRES THE REGISTRATION OF FIREARMS MANUFACTURERS, IMPORTERS AND DEALERS)."

BAKAL BELIEVES CONGRESSIONAL FAILURE TO ACT IS LARGELY DUE TO THE INFLUENCE OF THE NRA, WHICH IS DESCRIBED IN HIS BOOK AS "ONE OF THE NATION'S MOST POWERFUL YET LEAST-KNOWN LOBBIES."

HE ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT PUBLIC APATHY IS A STRONG CONTRIBUTING FACTOR.

"NOBODY SEEMS TO CARE VERY MUCH," HE SAID. "WE HAVE ORGANIZATIONS THAT CONCERN THEMSELVES WITH HIGHWAY SAFETY, BUT NOBODY SEEMS TO WORRY ABOUT GUNS EVEN THOUGH THEY HAVE TAKEN 750,000 AMERICAN LIVES SINCE THE TURN OF THE CENTURY--NEARLY HALF AGAIN THE FATAL CASUALTIES OF ALL OUR WARS, FROM THE REVOLUTION RIGHT DOWN TO VIET NAM."

"THE NRA CLAIMS IT CAN GENERATE HALF A MILLION LETTERS IN 72 HOURS. NOW IF WE COULD GENERATE A MILLION LETTERS, SAY-- AND THAT ISN'T A VERY BIG PERCENTAGE OF THE POPULATION--I THINK WE COULD MAKE CONGRESS SIT UP AND TAKE NOTICE," BAKAL SAID.

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## Sniper and Mother Buried in Florida

LAKE WORTH, Fla., Aug. 5 (AP) — Mass murderer Charles J. Whitman and his mother were buried today in a religious service that included a prayer for Whitman's escape from "the judgment of vengeance."

Whitman, 25, stabbed and shot his mother to death Monday and fatally knifed his wife. Then he climbed to the observation level above the 27th floor of the University of Texas Tower in Austin and shot 13 persons to death. He wounded 31 others before authorities shot and killed him.

At the funeral Mass at Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church, the Rev. Thomas Anglim told 400 spectators, including Whitman's father, C. A. Whitman Jr., that "We trust that God in his mercy does not hold him responsible

for these last actions. We trust too that our Nation, with its tradition for fairness and justice, will not judge his actions too harshly."

In Austin, parts of two notes the former Marine wrote just before and after he killed his wife and mother were seen by the Associated Press today.

"I am prepared to die," said one. "After my death, I wish an autopsy on me to be performed to see if there's any mental disorder."

Various passages of the two notes were not released by authorities. These portions are said to contain abusive statements about persons still living, including his father.

"I've decided to kill Kathy. I love her very much," read a typewritten note found beside the body of his wife.

The two-page note began, "I don't quite understand what is compelling me to type this note. 'I've been to a psychiatrist. I've been having fears and violent impulses. I've had some tremendous headaches in the past.'"

The other note was found at his mother's plush apartment. Neatly hand-printed it began: "To whom it may concern—"

"I have just killed my mother. If there's a heaven she is going there. If there's not a heaven, she is out of her and misery."

The note added "I love my mother with all my heart."

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**FUNERAL SCENE**—Charles A. Whitman, center, father of the sniper, cries after the requiem Mass for his wife and son. His youngest son, John, is at right.

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AUSTIN--THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS CAMPUS NEWSPAPER CALLED TODAY FOR THE CLOSING OF THE TOWER OBSERVATION DECK "FOR BOTH SAFETY AND PSYCHOLOGICAL CONSIDERATIONS."

IN AN EDITORIAL, THE NEWSPAPER, THE SUMMER TEXAS, SAID THE MASS SLAYINGS BY CHARLES WHITMAN FROM THE TOWER DECK MONDAY LEFT AN IMAGE OF TRAGEDY IN PEOPLE'S MINDS.

"THE UNIVERSITY TOWER," FOR MANY, HAS STOOD AS A SYMBOL OF LEARNING. THE TOWER NOW CONJURES UP NEW IMAGES OF DEATH AND HORROR," THE EDITORIAL SAID.

"REGRETTABLY MONDAY'S TRAGEDY WAS NOT THE FIRST TIME THAT VIOLENT DEATH HAS OCCURRED FROM THE TOWER; THERE HAVE BEEN SEVERAL SUICIDES.

"THE OBSERVATION DECK HAS CONSTITUTED A SAFETY HAZARD AND STILL DOES," THE NEWSPAPER SAID."

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## Pathologist Discounts Any Effect Of Brain Tumor on Sniper's Act

AUSTIN, Tex., Aug. 4 (AP) — A pathologist disclosed today that Charles J. Whitman was in virtually perfect health when he killed his wife and mother, then massacred 13 strangers before he himself was slain Monday.

Dr. Coleman De Chenar said a pecan-size, non-malignant tumor found in Whitman's brain "certainly was not" the cause of headaches of which Whitman complained. He said the tumor "could not have had any influence on the psychic behavior."

Appearing with the physician at a news conference, Justice of the Peace Jerry Dellana did not say whether the 25-year-old architectural engineering student was un-

der the influence of drugs when he went on his rampage.

Dellana said pills, possibly dextedrine or "goof balls," were found in Whitman's clothing after he was shot to death by police on the observation deck above the 27th floor of the University of Texas tower. He said the Texas Department of Public Safety was studying blood samples taken from the body.

Asked the first symptom Whitman might have recognized from the tumor, De Chenar said it would probably have destroyed motor pathways and caused paralysis in the arms and legs. "The tumor was not in that part of the brain that causes explosive reactions," he said.

Dellana had said Tuesday

that the pathologist theorized that the tumor may have "caused intense pain — headaches — that could have indirectly caused or contributed to his actions."

De Chenar said he is preparing Whitman's brain to be taken to the M. D. Anderson Hospital and Tumor Institute in Houston for a conference of state of national psychiatric and other medical experts "organized by Gov. John Connally."

"We are going to try to determine how and why a person might act like that," De Chenar said.

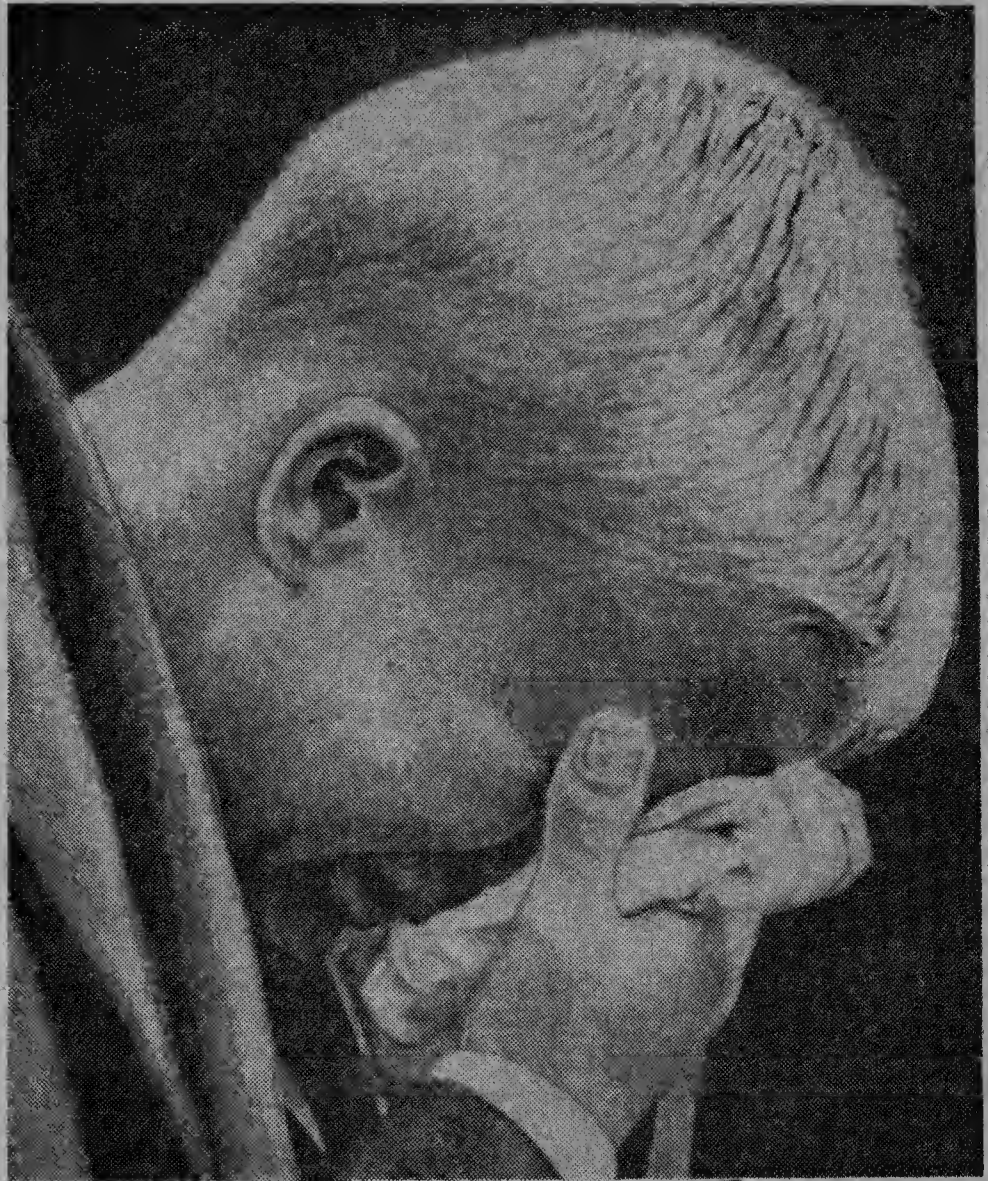
Whitman and his mother, Mrs. C. A. Whitman, are to be buried Friday in Lake Worth, Fla.

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**TEARFUL MOMENT** — Ray Leissner, younger brother of Mrs. Charles J. Whitman, wife and first victim of the Univer-

sity of Texas sniper, breaks down during his sister's funeral Tuesday at Needville, Tex. Whitman killed 15 persons.

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## THE EVENING STAR

Washington, D. C., Thursday, August 4, 1966

# Autopsy Report Due to Show If Sniper Used 'Goof Balls'

AUSTIN, Tex. (AP)—An autopsy report today is expected to show whether Charles J. Whitman was under the influence of drugs when he killed 15 persons and wounded 31 others before police bullets cut him down.

Justice of the Peace Jerry Dellana said he had instructed pathologists making the autopsy to search for dexedrine in Whitman's blood. Dellana said such pills—goof balls—were found in Whitman's clothing after he was shot by Austin police Monday, on the 28th-floor observation tower of the University of Texas main building.

From his lofty sniper's spot, Whitman, 25, killed 13 persons with rifle fire. Earlier he had shot and stabbed his mother to death and fatally knifed his young wife, Kathy, as she slept in bed, police said.

Dellana said Whitman's appearance after the shooting made imperative the autopsy search for possible drug-influenced behavior.

## Governor Studies Case

Meanwhile, Gov. John B. Connally, hunting for a deterrent to "heinous crimes," moved forward in his quest for laws that might prevent such slaughter as Whitman perpetrated here.

"I am very disturbed about the whole question of heinous

crimes being committed and—through a plea of insanity—punishment being escaped," Gov. Connally told a news conference yesterday. "We've reached a point in this country where we tend to coddle criminals."

The governor said he was considering seriously a recommendation to the Texas Legislature that "whenever a serious crime where loss of life like this one occurs, and the person is found insane, that the perpetrator be incarcerated for life—and never paroled or released."

He added that he felt his remarks were not particularly applicable to Whitman and his crime.

## May Consider New Law

Connally also indicated he would consider a new firearms law for Texas and possibly a law requiring psychiatrists to notify police of patients who express homicidal urges or show possible murderous tendencies. Whitman had expressed such an urge to a university psychiatrist.

But of the firearms law, he said he didn't want to give the public false hope that by passing a firearms law we would prevent this sort of thing. He said Whitman would have been fully qualified to own a gun under a registration law.

Of a law requiring a psychiatrist to make a report of per-

sons with homicidal complexes, he said such a measure might "stop anyone from going to a psychiatrist."

The governor said the Texas Department of Public Safety, headed by veteran Col. Homer Garrison, would act as a central collection agency on all information on Whitman.

Whitman's guns, he said, would be released to the dead man's estate. Connally agreed with Austin police that, because of their defamatory nature, the three notes Whitman left would not be made fully public. He said the notes contained "abusive statements."

Friends, police and acquaintances continued to check into Whitman's actions before Monday's massacre on the usually quiet and peaceful university campus.

Austin police said the killer may have taken a brother and his friend, both from Lake Worth, Fla., to the university tower on a sight-seeing tour. The tower yesterday was closed indefinitely by the University.

## Name In Tower Register

Lt. Burt Gerding of the Austin police said Whitman apparently visited the tower with the two other youths on July 22. The tower register, he said, carried these signatures:

"John Whitman, L. W., Fla.

"Jim Poland, L. W., Fla.

"Chas. J. Whitman Austin."

Whitman's body, along with

that of his mother, was flown last night to Lake Worth, Fla., their home town, where Roman Catholic funeral services will be held tomorrow. Yesterday, his wife, 23, was buried near Rosenberg—in the Houston vicinity—during a steady rain after funeral services in a small white frame church at Needville, her home town.

Funerals of other victims were being held, too, as the wounded in Austin hospitals expressed sorrow, rather than hatred, for the slain, apparently demented killer and his family.

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AUSTIN, Tex., Aug. 4 (UPI) — Charles J. Whitman, the seed of mass murder possibly already planted in his mind, visited what was to be his sniper's lair 10 days before he dealt death from the University of Texas tower, the tallest building in Austin.

A signature found yesterday in the registration book of the First National Bank in Dallas indicated Whitman also visited the 50 story building's observation tower last Thursday—only four days before he killed 15 persons.

Guest records at the 27-story Texas University tower revealed yesterday that Whitman visited the tower July 22. Whitman's name appears on the registry for that date along with the names "John Whitman and Jim Bland."

#### BODY TO FLORIDA

At Lake Worth, Fla., to which Whitman's body was flown yesterday for burial, the killer's father confirmed that a younger son, John, 16, had recently gone to Texas with a friend, and that Charles had taken them on a tour of Austin and also to the LBJ Ranch.

The father attached no significance to the tower visit.

"You wouldn't go to New York without going to see the 'Statue of Liberty,'" the plumbing contractor said. "They covered the whole university."

"When John left his brother there was no idea of this (the shootings) in his mind," the father said. "There was nothing said about anything like this."

#### BLAMES PSYCHIATRIST

The father strongly blamed a University of Texas psychiatrist who had examined his son for not stopping him from committing the nation's worst mass murder.

"I blame the psychiatrist that he went to more than anyone else in the world," the elder Whitman said. "More than anyone, even myself."



DR. M. D. HEATLY  
 Blamed . . . and defended

"The only thing I'll think until my dying day is that I had a sick son," he said.

Dr. M. D. Heatly, a psychiatrist at the school interviewed young Whitman in March but did not report to authorities his statement that he sometimes felt like "going up on the tower with a deer rifle and start shooting people."

Texas Gov. John Connally backed up the psychiatrist yesterday, saying, "I think Dr. Heatly was absolutely correct in the actions he took."

An autopsy on the former Eagle Scout and honor student revealed a tumor in his brain.

The elder Whitman, 47, in an interview in the gun-lined study of his home, speculated on how his son developed the malignancy.

#### JEEP ACCIDENT

"He had an accident in Guantanamo when he was a Marine," the father said. "He drove a jeep off a cliff. He had a gash in his leg and he was hit in the head."

"We feel that this was one of the causes that may have started the tumor," he said.

Young Whitman and his mother will be buried side by side tomorrow following a funeral mass at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church where he once served as an altar boy.

The Rev. Eugene Quinlan, the family priest, said the church has absolved Whitman from sin because he was "a mental case."

In Austin, Gov. Connally said he did not think a national gun registration law currently being considered by Congress would help prevent such "heinous crimes."

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# Gun Laws Can't Stop Killing, Connally Says

From News Dispatches

AUSTIN, Tex.—Gov. John Connally doubted the value of national gun registration legislation but said today that he may propose that mass murderers who are found insane be locked up for life without chance for parole.

Connally, who cut short a Latin American tour, met with top local and state law enforcement officials to discuss the case of Charles J. Whitman, 25, who killed his wife and mother, then shot to death 13 others from the University of Texas tower Monday.

"I am seriously considering recommending to the legislation that any time there is this type of crime which results in the loss of lives such as this and the person is found to be insane, that he be incarcerated for life and never be eligible for parole or released," Connally said.

"The complexity of the human mind is such that although a man is temporarily insane and regains a certain amount of stability, there is no guarantee the same thing won't happen again . . . he ought not to be living among people again—he ought to be removed from human society."

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### Coddling Deplored

However, Connally emphasized that he was not referring specifically to Whitman, who had no previous record of crime or insanity.

"This man is dead, and my feelings have nothing to do with this particular instance, but we've reached the point where we tend to coddle our criminals," Connally said. "It's getting to the point where a policeman no longer can feel free to pursue his duties without fear of attack.

"We need substantial tightening of our laws dealing with criminals, as far as they concern treatment of crimes in this country."

Connally said he was in favor of constitutional rights for accused persons "but these 15 people who also died had some constitutional rights, too. They had the right not to be killed by some maniac."

### Bill No Bar

Asked if he thought the gun registration bill would have prevented Whitman's rampage, Connally replied:

"No, I do not."

He said he was not opposed to the law being argued in Washington but "I do not want to be a party to anything that might tend to encourage people who believe that law would prevent this type of thing."

The Governor backed up Dr. M. D. Heatly, a psychiatrist at the University of Texas, who interviewed Whitman in March but did not report to authorities Whitman's statement that he sometimes felt like "going up on the tower with a deer rifle and start shooting people."

"I think Dr. Heatly was absolutely correct in the actions he took," Connally said.

### Privacy for Patients

Asked if a law could be passed requiring psychiatrists to report such statements, the Governor said: "What you would do is make people quit going to psychiatrists. A person would not go if he knew that what he said would be turned over to police."

As far as gun registration is

concerned, Connally said, people can be killed by other means. He noted the eight nurses killed earlier this year in Chicago were stabbed and strangled, and Whitman's young wife was stabbed.

Connally, who himself was wounded by Lee Harvey Oswald during the assassination of President Kennedy in 1963, said some of the three notes which Whitman left behind and whose full contents police have refused to release, were "defamatory in nature" and thus raised legal questions. Some of the statements were very "abusive" toward some people still living.

Meanwhile, it was disclosed that Whitman apparently visited the top of the tallest building in Dallas only last Thursday. An official of the First National Bank of Dalls said a signature was found on a visitors' register for last Thursday at the top of the 50-story building. The notation was: "Chas. Whitman, Texas University campus, Austin."

### Pills in Pocket

And in Austin police Maj. K. R. Herbert said the university tower registry for July 22 showed the names, "John Whitman, Charles Whitman and Jim Bland."

In Lake Worth, Fla., where Whitman's family lives, his brother Patrick, 21, said another brother, John, 18, and a friend named Jim Poland had visited Whitman late in July in Austin.

Justice of the Peace Jerry Dellana said some pills were found in Whitman's clothing and on the basis of his appearance doctors were looking for dexedrine—commonly known as goofballs—in his blood. Dellana said yesterday an autopsy revealed a pecan-sized brain tumor capable of producing enough pain to drive Whitman to homicidal madness.

Dellana also said it appeared Whitman's mother apparently knew something was wrong when he confronted her in her apartment Sunday night or Monday morning, and tried to keep him out.

### Mother's Fingers Crushed

Bellana said the fingers of Mrs. Whitman's left hand were crushed as though Whitman slammed the door on them with such force that a diamond ring was flattened on the finger and the stone was popped out.

The bodies of Whitman and his mother, Mrs. C. A. Whitman, were flown to Florida today. A joint funeral mass for mother and son was scheduled for 9 a.m. Friday in the Sacred Heart Catholic church at Lake Worth, where Whitman's father lives.

The Roman Catholic Church absolved Whitman from sin because he was "a mental case," the family said.

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His mother was shot to death in her apartment, a few blocks from the tower. Police were not sure whether he killed his wife or mother first. He picked his wife up from work shortly after 9:30 p.m. Sunday.

At 3 a.m. Monday he wrote that "now both are dead." The note was timed on its face.

The FBI took over a roll of film in one of two cameras found in Whitman's apartment along with the body of his wife. Along with the cameras, Whitman left a neat note: "Have film developed in these cameras. Thank you. Charles J. Whitman."

The black and white film was developed and showed various poses of Whitman at his house and at a lake with his dog. Police said color film was turned over to the FBI.

Marine Corps records show Whitman, a qualified sharpshooter, was court-martialed in 1963 on a list of charges that included illegal possession of a gun.



Mrs. Charles A. Whitman Jr., the killer's mother, was shot to death in her home. —UPI Photo



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## On Gun Control

AFTER every spectacular shooting comes a public outcry for some kind of Federal anti-gun legislation. But when the lawmakers get around to drafting the legislation about all they come up with are proposals to regulate interstate traffic in firearms, register guns purchased and take fingerprints of the purchasers.

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No legislation yet advanced would have prevented young Charles Joseph Whitman from obtaining guns. He had no criminal record. There was nothing

in his conduct that marked him as an unsafe person to own firearms, up until Monday when he suddenly went berserk and climbed the University of Texas Tower and started spraying death across the campus.

A law forbidding mail-order sale of guns would have deprived Lee Harvey Oswald of the rifle he used to assassinate President Kennedy — and such a law is eminently reasonable — but it doesn't mean that a man of Oswald's bent would not have laid hands on another weapon and performed the same crime at the same time and place.

There is a large and vicious traffic in hand guns, cheap foreign guns, sub-machine guns and hand-made weapons which should be effectively curbed. We would favor any measure which would actually prevent criminals or persons of unsound mind possessing weapons of any kind.

The only likely deterrent we have heard of is a mandatory death penalty to anyone committing or attempting a crime while carrying a deadly weapon. But the anti-gun proponents don't seem to want to go that far. They seem to think that violence can somehow be abolished by the miracle of red tape.

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Scripps-Howard Staff Writer

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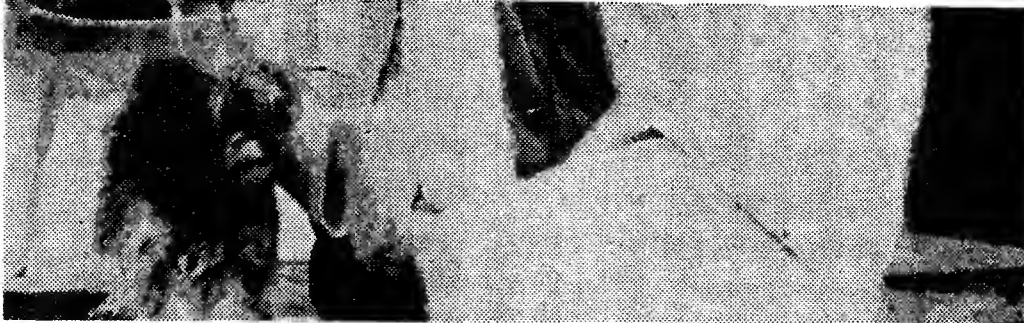
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This is a reproduction of the view which Charles Whitman probably saw thru the scope he used in his sniper attack. He picked off 45 people in this general area of the street.

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**CALM BEFORE THE STORM**—This is one of the pictures on the film left by Charles Whitman before he rained death from the University of Texas tower. With a dog at his feet

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# Autopsy Discloses Tumor in Brain of Sniper

## Police Withhold Three Notes Left By Slayer of 15

From News Dispatches

AUSTIN, Tex., Aug. 2 — A pathologist and a psychiatrist revealed today that sniper Charles J. Whitman suffered from a brain tumor and had said four months ago he was "thinking of going up on the University of Texas tower with a deer rifle and start shooting people."

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The tumor was found in an autopsy, near the main stem of the brain, and located so that it could have caused the severe headaches that Whitman mentioned in notes he left behind.

### Requested Autopsy

It was revealed that Whitman himself, in one of three rambling notes found after his death, requested an autopsy to determine what caused him to kill his wife and mother.

Police refused to release the full contents of the notes.

Experts were divided on whether the tumor contributed to what the FBI said was possibly the greatest mass murder in American history. The dead included, besides Whitman's wife and mother, 13 persons gunned down from the tower before police stormed it and killed Whitman. Another 31 persons were wounded.

The psychiatrist, Dr. Maurice Dean Heatly of the University's Student Health Center, said he did not report the statement about shooting people from the tower because he thought Whitman did not mean it.

### 'Oozing With Hostility'

Heatly said Whitman was "oozing with hostility" at the two-hour interview, but expressions of violence involving the familiar landmark tower were not unusual among students, and the statement about shooting people seemed a "transient thought" with him.

"I recall very vividly something about him suggested the All-American Boy," the psychiatrist said. "He looked every inch the role of professional football player."

### Rated A Good Guy

However, the psychiatrist pictured Whitman as a totally different sort of person from the young man known to neighbors, classmates and

friends, who universally called him a "good guy."

Dr. Heatly said Whitman "readily admits having overwhelming periods of hostility with a very minimum of provocation."

The psychiatrist said his references to voing on the tower and shooting people were "vivid."

Heatly said there were "no psychosis is smyptoms at all" and he would not have classified Whitman as a psychopath at that time. He also said students often talked of violent deeds which never came about, and Whitman did not seem to be an exception.

"It was sort of like saying, 'I get so mad that I could do something,'" Heatly said.

But he said the statement about shooting people from the tower was the only direct quote he put in his notes from the interview.

The psychiatrist said Whitman then made an appointment for a subsequent visit, but broke it.

"The real precipitating factor for this initial visit after being on the campus for several years seemed to stem from the separation of his parents some 30 days ago," Heatly said.

He said Whitman accused his father of being brutal, but then confessed that he had beaten his wife on two occasions. He also said Whitman

was seeking to excel his father and was much concerned that his achievements at the University were not what he would have liked.

Dr. Charles Le Maistre, University Vice Chancellor for Health affairs, defended Heatly's judgment.

"Dr. Heatly's conclusion on March 29 that there was no indication at that time that Whitman was a danger to either himself or the community was consistent with the impressions of his teachers, his employer and his associates," Le Maistre said.

Said Dr. Heatly, "the youth could talk for long periods of time and develop overt hostility while talking, and then during the same narration may show signs of weeping."

### Brain Tumor Found

The brain tumor was revealed by Dr. C. De Chenar in an autopsy report. He said it was located near the main brain stem, in a position to affect the part which senses pain.

Justice of the Peace Jerry Dellana said the pecan-sized tumor affected "the sensory passages that you feel pain with. There was pressure there that could have caused intense pain—headaches—that could have indirectly caused or contributed to his actions."

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stressed that the tumor "did not have ~~anything~~ to do with the part of the brain that affected logical thinking.

(In Washington, medical experts said there was little chance the tumor prompted the murder spree. An expert at the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology (AFIP) said, "violent psychotic behavior is extremely rare in persons with a brain tumor."

(Dr. Daniel Ruge, a Chicago neuro-surgeon, said, "there is no question that brain tumors can cause personality changes but I've never heard of them causing violence.")

Police Chief Robert A. Miles said that on advice of attorneys Whitman's notes would not be made public and "may never be released."

Miles said information about the case probably would be presented to the grand jury "but I don't know if there is anything for the grand jury to act on."

#### Going to Grand Jury

District Attorney Tom Blackwell said the grand jury would hear the information Thursday.

The FBI was reported to have taken over a roll of color film in one of two cameras found in Whitman's apartment along with the body of his wife, Kathleen, 23. His mother, who had separated from his father and was living in Austin, was found shot to death in her apartment in another section of town.

Along with the two cameras, Whitman left a neat note: "Have the film developed in these cameras. Thank you. Charles J. Whitman."

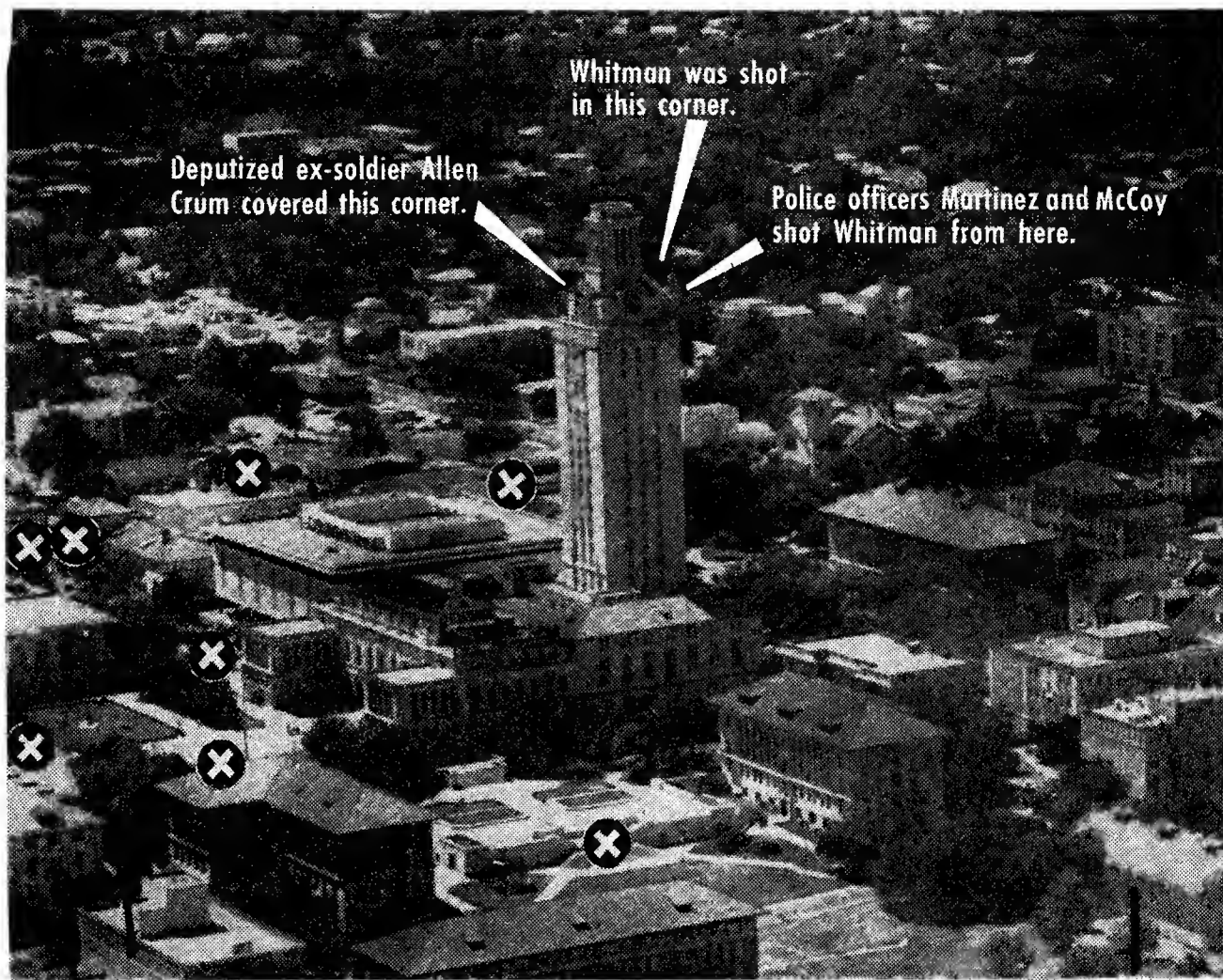
Police said the black and white film was developed and showed various poses of Whitman at his house, at a lake, and with a pet dog. The color film was turned over to the FBI, police said.





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**SNIPER'S END—Charles J. Whitman lies dead on the tower's observation platform.**



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*Air view pinpoints key locations in sniper killings at University of Texas. Crosses are where victims were slain.*



## Father Says He Also Is 'Gun Fanatic'

LAKE WORTH, Fla., Aug. 2 (AP) — Campus sniper Charles Whitman was "always a crack shot," according to his father, who reared him in a house with a gun in every room.

"I'm a fanatic about guns," added the father, C. A. Whitman, 47-year-old plumbing contractor. "I'm a great hunter. My boys knew all about guns. I believe in that."

Whitman, his dark hair showing touches of gray, faced newsmen's questions for the first time since young Whitman killed his mother and his wife in Austin, Tex., then slew 13 others in a shooting rampage yesterday from the observation section atop the library tower at the University of Texas. Whitman was killed by police bullets.

"He was trying to prove a point to himself," Whitman said. "Why, he was an Eagle Scout at the age of 12—the youngest ever around here. He was a concert pianist. He was a brilliant student."

Standing on the lawn in front of his one-story, tan-shingled house in a neighborhood where he has lived for 20 years, Whitman expressed sympathy for the victims and their relatives.

"But right now," he added, "there doesn't seem to be anything I can do. I am worried right now about my own problems."

His problems, he said, began five months ago today, when Charles drove from Austin and took his mother, Whitman's wife for 26 years, back to Texas.

"I have spent many a dollar since then on the telephone trying to work out our problems," Whitman said. "I love my wife very dearly."

"There was no animosity," Whitman said. The only animosity was that "I fought like the devil to get her back."

The last time he talked to Charles, he said, was two weeks ago when they were on a telephone for half an hour.

There were no hard feelings," Whitman said. "Not at all. In fact, we set up plans for a hunting trip to Texas and Mexico this fall."

"I told him he was working too hard and he ought to slow down," Whitman said. "He was trying to do the impossible. But he didn't hear me. He was trying to prove a point. I guess we all are."

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THE WASHINGTON DAILY

# Shoots 45 Strangers—and

called Amy Jo Long, in a building nearby.

"Somebody's up here shooting in the tower," she gasped. "There is blood all over the place."

By then, police sealed off the campus and were trying to get the 10,000 students and hundreds of onlookers to stay out of the way. With rifles and pistols, the police shot back, then called for reinforcements.

Highway patrolmen, university and capitol grounds officers, city policemen and others joined the force returning the fire. They aimed mostly at the drain behind which the sniper appeared to be firing most.

One of the city policemen hugging the ground was Ramiro Martinez, 29, who had been cooking a steak at his home a few minutes before and contemplating his duty shift, to begin in three hours.

He heard of the shootings on the radio, got his pistol and hurried to the campus. He got into the main building and worked his way upstairs.

## TO THE TOP

With Officer Houston McCoy and Allen Crum, a university employe, Mr. Martinez got to the top, amking his way past four bodies sprawled on the stairs and the landing.

He and Mr. Crum edged around opposite sides of the observation walkaway. The sniper saw Vr. Crum and fired. Mr. Martinez emptied his

service revolver into the sniper's body. Mr. McCoy burst on the scene and fired a shotgun blast. Mr. Martinez grabbed the shotgun and fired another blast pointblank at the sniper.

Shaking with shock, Mr. Martinez grabbed a green flag and waved it. The siege was over.

In the little town of Needville, Tex., south of Houston, the family of Kathleen Leissner Whitman heard the news with shock. They called the police and asked them to check the Whitman home.

Officers found Mrs. Whitman, 23, stabbed to death. One of the three disordered notes found said of his mother, "If there is a heavey, she is in heaven. But if there is no heaven, she is at least out of her misery."

Whitman's mother was found in her own apartment in another section of Austin, shot to death.

The stunned university was silent as a tomb today. University officials canceled all classes and ordered flags flown at half-staff.

Texas Gov. John Connally cut short a trip to South American and flew back from Rio de Janeiro to Austin, the state capital.

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## HEADACHES

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In Lake Worth, Fla., a distraught plumbing contractor, Charles A. Whitman Jr., confirmed that he had a son in Austin, Tex.

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A pile of bloody rags lay in a corner. Workmen scrubbed away at bloody spots with strong antiseptic.

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## CLOCK HIT

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Soon everything was cleaned by the workmen. The strong antiseptic smell swept away the gunpowder.

A large sign escaped unscathed from the bullets.

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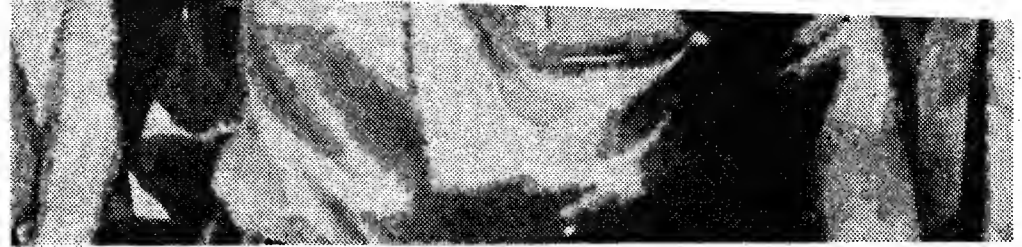
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- Lynda Johnson graduated from the University in June and Luci Johnson and her husband-to-be Pat Nugent, plan to enroll on the campus this autumn.

While there was no official comment from the White House, it was known that President Johnson talked with Bolton to express his shock at the death of Mr. Bolton's grandson, Paul Sonntag.

Young Carpenter, who is taking a summer course at the university talked with his parents by phone and said he was walking on the campus when he heard what sounded

"like firecrackers." He saw two women fall in front of him and he immediately fell to the ground. (UPI)

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AUSTIN, Tex., Aug. 2 (UPI) — The list of dead and wounded in yesterday's sniper siege at the University of Texas:

### DEAD:

Thomas Ashton, 22, Redlands, Calif., a Peace Corps trainee at the University of Texas; Robert H. Boyer, 33, philosophy department, University of Texas; Thomas Eckman, 23, Austin, Tex.; Mark Gabour, 15, Texarkana, Tex.; Thomas Karr, Ft. Worth, Tex.; Marguerite Lamoot, Austin; Claudia Ruff, Austin, Tex.; Roy Dell Schmidt, Austin, Tex.;

Billy Speed, Austin, Tex. (city policeman); Paul Sonntag, Austin, Tex. (city employee); Harry Walchuk, Austin, Tex.; unborn child of Mrs. Claire Wilson, shot and critically wounded in abdomen; Mrs. Edna Townsley, the slayer — Charles Joseph Whitman, 24, Lake Worth, Fla.

Killed by the gunman prior to the sniping attack:

Mrs. Charles Joseph Whitman, wife, Austin, Tex.; Mrs. C. A. Whitman, mother, Austin, Tex.

### INJURED:

John Scott Allen, Austin, Tex.; Roland C. Ehke, 21, Milwaukee, Wis., Peace Corps trainee; Avelino Esparza, 28, San Antonio, Tex.; Mary Frances Gabour, 41, Texarkana, Tex.; Irma Garcia, 21, Brownsville, Tex.; Karen Griffith, Austin, Tex.; David Gumby, Austin, Tex.; Nancy Harvey, 21, Austin, Tex.; Robert Heard, 36, Austin, Tex.

Alec Hernandez, 17, Austin, Tex.; Morris Holman, 30, Austin, Tex.; Devereay Huffman, Austin, Tex.; Adrian Littlefield, 19, Conroe, Tex.; David A. Mattson, 24, Minneapolis, Minn., Peace Corps trainee; Jaet Paulas, 24, Austin, Tex.; Lana Phillips, 21, Austin, Tex.

Oscar Rayvela, 21, Austin, Tex.; Billy Snowden, 35, Austin, Tex.; Miguel Solian, 25, Austin, Tex.; Claire Wilson, 18, Austin, Tex.; Sandra Wilson, Austin, Tex.; Branda Wilkinson Littlefield, Austin, Tex.; Robert Frede; Dorores Ortega; F. L. Fostern, Austin, Tex.; C. A. Stewart, Baytown, Tex., and Carla Wheeler, Austin.

## New Gun Law Push

The University of Texas sniper slayings brought demands from congressmen again today for a major overhaul of Federal gun control laws.



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(SNIPER)

AUSTIN--A PATHOLOGIST SAID TODAY CHARLES J. WHITMAN, THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS SNIPER, WAS SUFFERING FROM A BRAIN TUMOR. JERRY DELLANA, AN AUSTIN JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, SAID THE PATHOLOGIST, DR. C. DECHENAR, TOLD HIM THAT THE TUMOR WAS ABOUT THE SIZE OF A PECAN WHEN HE PERFORMED AN AUTOPSY ON WHITMAN'S BODY.

"THE DOCTOR SAID THE TUMOR CAUSED PRESSURE ON THE FRONTAL LOBE AND PROBABLY AFFECTED THE SENSORY PASSAGE WHICH REGISTER PAIN," DELLANA SAID.

"HE SAID IT COULD HAVE CAUSED PRESSURE WHICH WOULD HAVE RESULTED IN INTENSE PAIN AND HEADACHES AND COULD HAVE INDIRECTLY CAUSED OR CONTRIBUTED TO (WHITMAN'S) ACTIONS."

THE JUSTICE OF THE PEACE SAID THE PATHOLOGIST STRESSED, HOWEVER, THAT THE TUMOR WOULD NOT AFFECT THE PART OF THE BRAIN IN WHICH LOGIC THINKING OCCURS.

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ADD SNIPER, AUSTIN

A PATHOLOGIST SAID TODAY HE FOUND A TUMOR IN THE BRAIN OF MASS KILLER ~~CHARLES~~ WHITMAN, AND A PSYCHIATRIST SAID WHITMAN FOUR MONTHS AGO THREATENED TO GO ON JUST SUCH A WAPPAGE AS THE 15-PERSON KILLING HE CARRIED OUT MONDAY.

THE PSYCHIATRIST, MAURICE DEAN HEALTY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS STUDENT HEALTH CENTER, SAID WHITMAN IN A BRIEF CONVERSATION WITH HIM MARCH 29 SAID HE WAS "THINKING ABOUT GOING UP TO THE TOWER WITH A DEER RIFLE AND START SHOOTING AT PEOPLE."

HEALTY SAID AFTER THE MARCH 29 MEETING, WHITMAN MADE AN APPOINTMENT TO COME BACK BUT BROKE IT. IT WAS NOT IMMEDIATELY KNOWN IF THE PSYCHIATRIST NOTIFIED AUTHORITIES.

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ADD 1 GUNS-TV, WASHINGTON (UPI-9)  
 SEN. ROMAN L. HRUSKA, R-NEB., SECOND-RANKING REPUBLICAN ON THE  
 JUDICIARY COMMITTEE, AND AN OPPONENT OF INCLUDING RIFLES IN THE GUN  
 CONTROL BILL, SAID THE AUSTIN KILLINGS "WON'T LEND ANY COMFORT" TO  
 ADVOCATES OF A BROAD MEASURE.

"IT WOULD BE DEPLORABLE IF AN ATTEMPT WERE MADE TO TRADE ON THE  
 EMOTIONS GENERATED HERE," HE TOLD REPORTERS.

HRUSKA SAID THE LEGISLATION "SHOULD BE LIMITED TO HAND GUNS"  
 BECAUSE 70 PER CENT OF THE USE OF FIREARMS INVOLVES THIS TYPE OF  
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(SNIPER)

WASHINGTON--CHARLES J. WHITMAN, MASS SLAYER OF 13 PERSONS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS, WAS COURT MARTIALED BY THE MARINE CORPS IN 1963 FOR "FAILURE TO OBEY A LAWFUL ORDER."

HE WAS FOUND GUILTY AT CAMP LEJUENE, N.C., HIS MILITARY RECORD SHOWED TODAY. THE SENTENCE WAS 30 DAYS AT HARD LABOR AND REDUCTION TO THE RANK OF PRIVATE.

WHITMAN HAD BECOME A CORPORAL ON NOV. 2, 1961.

HIS RECORD SHOWED THAT HE WAS BORN JUNE 24, 1941; THAT HE ENLISTED JULY 6, 1959, AT JACKSONVILLE, FLA.; THAT HE WAS RELEASED FROM ACTIVE DUTY DEC. 4, 1964, WITH AN HONORABLE DISCHARGE, AND THAT HE WAS DISCHARGED FROM THE MARINE CORPS RESERVE JULY 18, 1965.

HIS LAST WEAPONS QUALIFICATION WAS AS A SHARPSHOOTER.

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ADD 1 SNIPER, WASHINGTON (UPI-52)

HIS DUTY ASSIGNMENTS INCLUDED BOOT TRAINING AT PARRIS ISLAND, S.C.,  
 AND INFANTRY TRAINING AT CAMP LEJUENE.

FROM DEC. 9, 1959 TO MAY 9, 1961 HE WAS AT THE GUANTANAMO NAVAL  
 BASE IN CUBA.

FROM SEPT. 8, 1961 TO FEB. 25, 1963 HIS ASSIGNMENT WAS TO THE  
 "NAVAL ENLISTED SCIENTIFIC EDUCATION PROGRAM" AT THE UNIVERSITY OF  
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FROM FEB., 1963 UNTIL HIS DISCHARGE, INCLUDING THE PERIOD OF THE  
 COURT MARTIAL, HE WAS ASSIGNED TO THE 2ND MARINE DIVISION AT CAMP  
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THE MARINE CORPS REFUSED TO SAY WHAT "LAWFUL ORDER" HE REFUSED TO  
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HIS RECORD SHOWED THAT HE WON THE GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL AND THE ARMED  
 FORCES EXPEDITIONARY MEDAL, PRESUMABLY FOR SERVICE AT GUANTANAMO,  
 DURING HIS CAREER.

HIS WIFE'S ADDRESS WAS LISTED AS BOX 242, NEEDVILLE, TEX. HIS  
 FATHER'S NAME AND ADDRESS WAS GIVEN ON HIS SERVICE RECORD AS  
 CHARLES A. WHITMAN, BOX 1065 LAKE WORTH, FLA.

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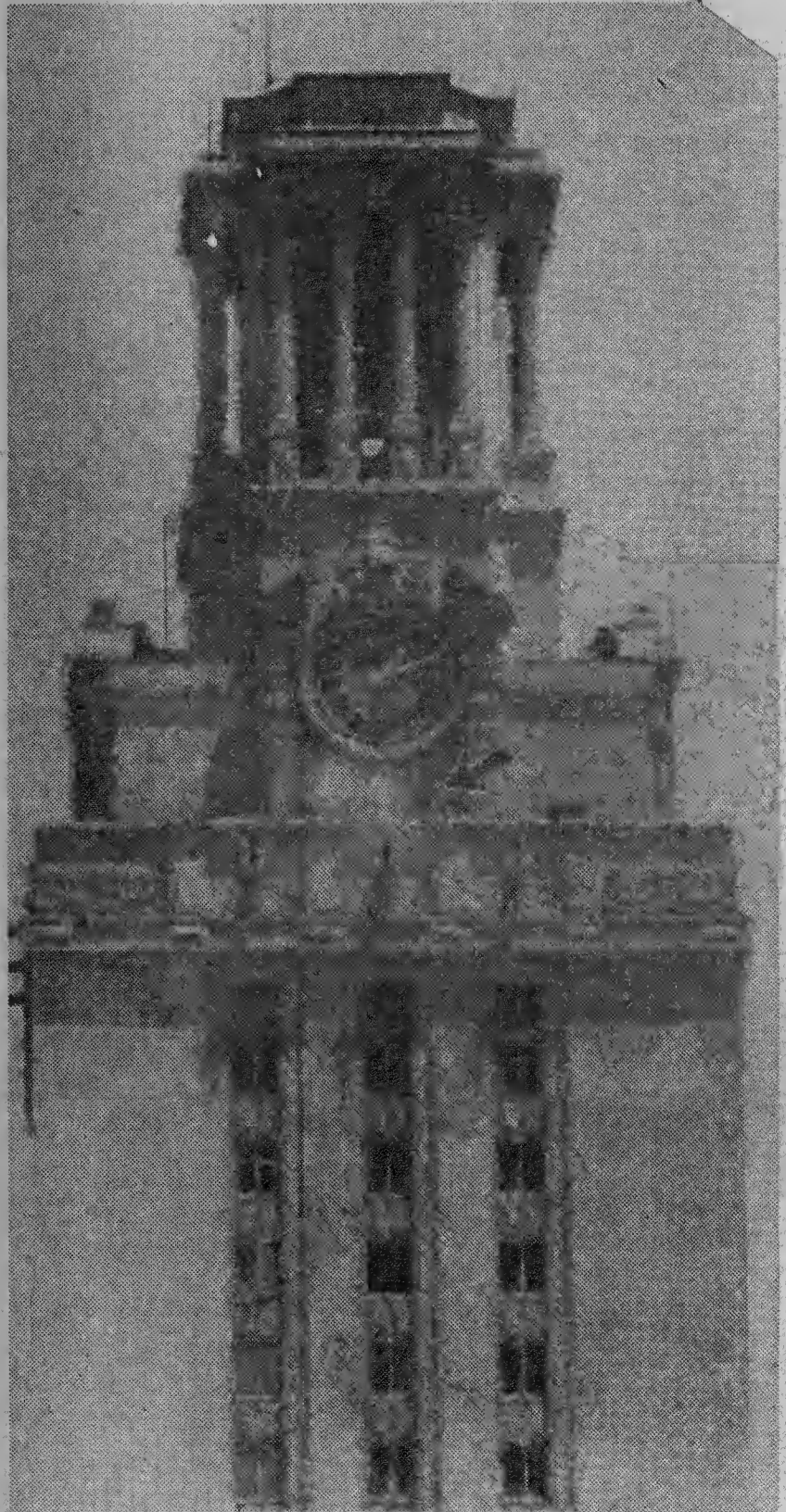
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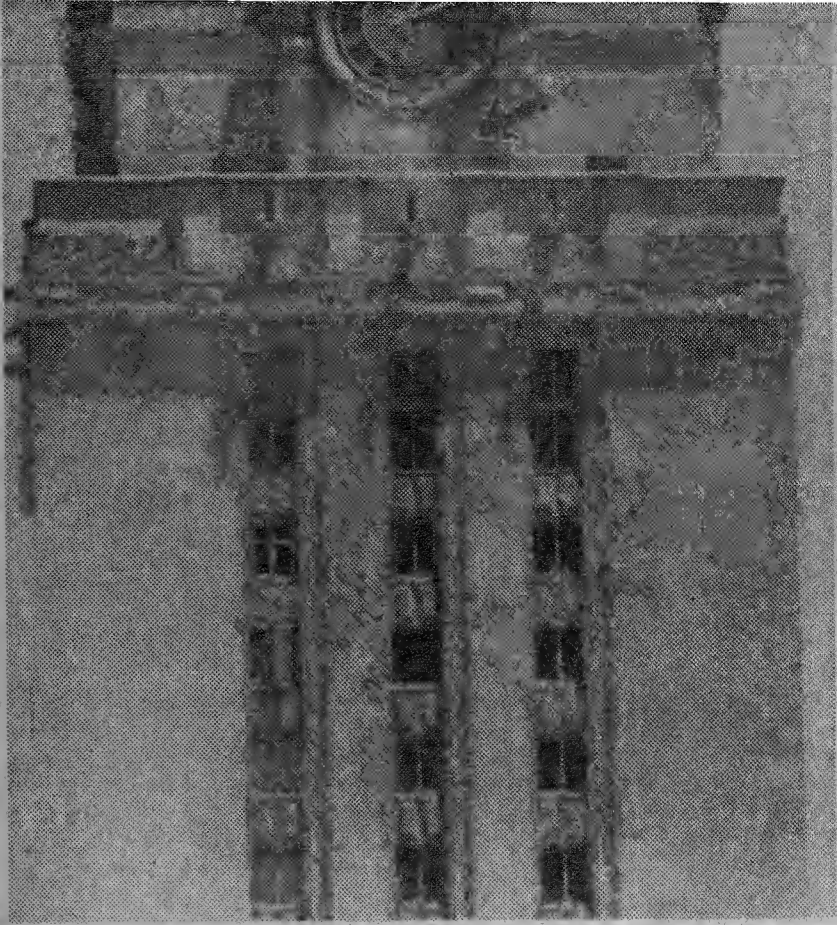
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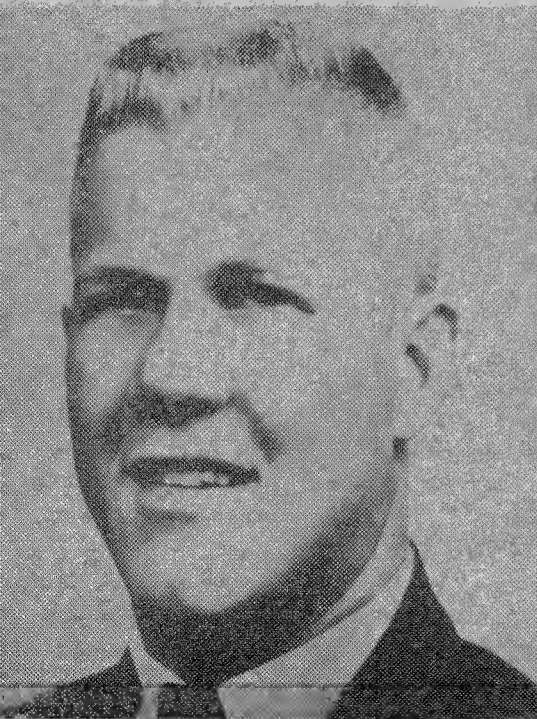
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**How a Young University of Texas Honor Student  
Killed His Wife and Mother—Then, Armed With  
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Perfect Strangers, Wounding 13 Mortally**

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Right, the tower. Arrow and rifle smoke mark the dreadful window on the 26th floor. Below it, on the ground, an unidentified girl crouches behind the pedestal of a statue, unable to flee. A wounded man lies perilously exposed by the hedge, long before help could reach him. At lower left, Charles Witman, the desperate sniper, in happier days.

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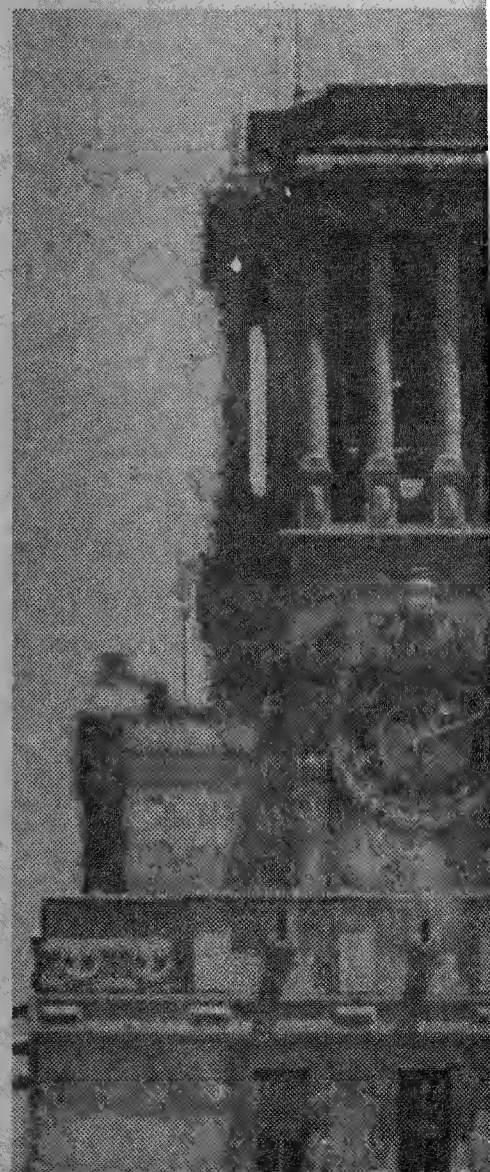
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CHARLES WHITMAN

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(GUNS)

WASHINGTON--PRESIDENT JOHNSON TODAY URGED PROMPT CONGRESSIONAL ACTION TO RESTRICT THE SALE OF WEAPONS "TO THE WRONG PERSONS."

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE ISSUED A STATEMENT OF DEEP REGRET OVER THE MASS KILLINGS. HE ALSO SENT A MESSAGE OF SYMPATHY TO CHANCELLOR HARRY RANSOM OF THE UNIVERSITY.

WHITE HOUSE PRESS SECRETARY MOYERS SAID THE PRESIDENT NOT ONLY WANTED PASSAGE OF PENDING LEGISLATION WHICH WOULD CONTROL THE MAIL ORDER SALE OF HAND GUNS, BUT WANTED THE PROPOSED LAW STRENGTHENED TO COVER RIFLES AND SHOTGUNS.

"THE SHOCKING TRAGEDY OF YESTERDAY'S EVENTS IN AUSTIN IS HEIGHTENED BECAUSE THEY WERE SENSELESS," JOHNSON'S STATEMENT SAID. "WHILE SENSELESS, HOWEVER, WHAT HAPPENED IS NOT WITHOUT A LESSON; WE MUST PRESS URGENTLY FOR THE LEGISLATION NOW PENDING IN CONGRESS TO HELP PREVENT THE WRONG PERSONS FROM OBTAINING FIREARMS."

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 "THE BILL WOULD NOT PREVENT ALL SUCH TRAGEDIES, BUT IT WOULD HELP REDUCE THE UNRESTRICTED SALE OF FIREARMS TO THOSE WHO CANNOT BE TRUSTED IN THEIR USE OR POSSESSION," THE STATEMENT SAID.

"HOW MANY LIVES MIGHT BE SAVED AS A CONSEQUENCE!"

"THE GUN CONTROL BILL HAS BEEN UNDER CONSIDERATION IN THE CONGRESS FOR MANY MONTHS. THE TIME HAS COME FOR ACTION BEFORE THE

LOSS OF  
 LIFE THAT MIGHT BE PREVENTED BY ITS PASSAGE. I KNOW THERE ARE MANY IN CONGRESS WHO SHARE THIS VIEW. IN SORROW AND HOPE, I URGE THEM TO JOIN IN PASSING THIS LEGISLATION."

THIS WAS BY FAR THE STRONGEST SUPPORT THE PRESIDENT HAS GIVEN GUN CONTROL LEGISLATION, AND CAME AS CONGRESSMEN SHOCKED BY MONDAY'S KILLINGS IN JOHNSON'S HOME TOWN OF AUSTIN DEMANDED PROMPT ACTION ON THE PROPOSALS.

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*CHARLES WHITMAN*

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(GUNS)

TRENTON, N.J.--GOV. RICHARD J. HUGHES TODAY REAFFIRMED HIS SUPPORT OF NEW JERSEY'S NEW GUN CONTROL LAW, "ESPECIALLY IN VIEW OF THE TRAGIC EVENTS OF RECENT TIMES."

THE LAW WENT INTO EFFECT YESTERDAY, SHORTLY AFTER A CRAZED SNIPER ARMED WITH SEVEN FIREARMS INCLUDING A NEWLY-PURCHASED SHOTGUN STARTED A DEADLY RAMPAGE ON THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS CAMPUS AT AUSTIN.

THE NEW JERSEY LAW REQUIRES FIREARMS PURCHASERS TO REGISTER WITH POLICE AND TO SUBMIT TO FINGERPRINTING. PERMITS ARE ISSUED FOR LIFE, BUT ARE DENIED TO NARCOTICS ADDICTS, INCOMPETENTS AND CRIMINALS.

"I DON'T SEE HOW ANY RIGHT-THINKING PERSON IN NEW JERSEY CAN OBJECT TO THIS GOAL," HUGHES SAID.

"I HOPE NEW JERSEY'S GUN CONTROL LAW WILL ALSO SERVE THE BROADER PURPOSES OF GIVING NEW IMPETUS TO FEDERAL EFFORTS TO RESTRAIN THE LOOSE AVAILABILITY OF GUNS, HUGHES SAID, "ESPECIALLY TO PREVENT THEM FROM FALLING INTO THE HANDS OF INCOMPETENT PERSONS WHO USE THEM TO SHOOT DOWN INNOCENT PEOPLE RANGING FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES TO LITTLE CHILDREN IN THE STREETS."

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(SNIPER)

AUSTIN, TEX.--CHARLES J. WHITMAN WAS A MATURE AND SERIOUS YOUNG MAN AND EVERYONE LIKED HIM -- HIS CLASMATES AND HIS PROFESSORS.

WHITMAN'S YOUTH WAS EXEMPLARY. HE WAS AN ALTAR BOY, NEWSBOY AND EAGLE SCOUT.

YESTERDAY, THE CRAZED STUDENT WENT ON AN 80-MINUTE RAMPAGE WITH AN ARMPFUL OF WEAPONS IN THE WORST MASS KILLING IN U.S. HISTORY.

HE KILLED 15 PERSONS, INCLUDING HIS MOTHER AND HIS WIFE, AND GUNNED DOWN 30 OTHERS BEFORE A SHAKEN OFF-DUTY POLICEMAN SHOT HIM DEAD ATOP THE 27-STORY UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS TOWER.

ANSWERS TO THE QUESTION WHY WHITMAN ACTED AS HE DID WILL BE MANY AND VARIED.

A NOTED PSYCHIATRIST SAID THE MASSACRE ON THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS CAMPUS WAS "DEFINITELY CONNECTED" WITH THE MASS MURDERS OF EIGHT STUDENT NURSES IN CHICAGO LAST MONTH.

AND, THROUGH SOME STRANGE QUIRK IN THE WORKINGS OF THE CRIMINALLY INSANE MIND, MORE MASS KILLINGS CAN BE EXPECTED, ACCORDING TO DR. FREDERICK WERTHAM, ONE OF THE WORLD'S FOREMOST AUTHORITIES ON CRIMINAL VIOLENCE.

"THERE'LL BE SOME MORE LIKE THIS," THE NEW YORK PSYCHIATRIST TOLD UPI IN A TELEPHONE INTERVIEW FROM HIS FARM OUTSIDE OF ALLENTOWN, PA.

WHITMAN ONCE SAW A PSYCHIATRIST FOR TWO HOURS BUT LEFT SAYING HE WOULD WORK OUT HIS PROBLEMS ALONE.

THE STUNNED UNIVERSITY WAS SILENT AS A TOMB TODAY. UNIVERSITY OFFICIALS CANCELED ALL CLASSES AND ORDERS FLAGS FLOWN AT HALF STAFF.

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## Victims of Sniper

AUSTIN, Tex., Aug. 2 (UPI) — The list of dead and wounded in yesterday's sniper siege at the University of Texas:

### DEAD:

Thomas Ashton, 22, Redlands, Calif., a Peace Corps trainee at the University of Texas; Robert H. Beyer, 33, philosophy department, University of Texas; Thomas Eckman, 23, Austin, Tex.; Mark Gabour, 15, Texarkana, Tex.; Thomas Karr, Ft. Worth, Tex.; Marguerite Lamport, Austin; Claudia Rutt, Austin, Tex.; Roy Dell Schmidt, Austin, Tex.

Billy Speed, Austin, Tex., (city policeman); Paul Sonntag, Austin, Tex., (city employee); Harry Walchuk, Austin, Tex.; unborn child of Mrs. Claire Wilson, shot and critically wounded in abdomen; Mrs. Edna Townsley, the slayer — Charles Joseph Whitman, 24, Lake Worth, Fla.

Killed by the gunman prior to the sniping attack:

Mrs. Charles Joseph Whitman, wife, Austin, Tex.; Mrs. C. A. Whitman, mother, Austin, Tex.

### INJURED:

John Scott Allen, Austin, Tex.; Roland C. Ehike, 21, Milwaukee, Wis., Peace Corps trainee; Avelino Esparza, 28, San Antonio, Tex.; Mary Frances Gabour, 41, Texarkana, Tex.; Inma Garcia, 21, Brownsville, Tex.; Karen Griffith, Austin, Tex.; David Gumby, Austin, Tex.; Nancy Harvey, 21, Austin, Tex.; Robert Heard, 34, Austin, Tex.

Alec Hernandez, 17, Austin, Tex.; Morris Holman, 30, Austin, Tex.; Devereasy Huffman, Austin, Tex.; Adrian Littlefield, 19, Conroe, Tex.; David A. Mattson, 24, Minneapolis, Minn., Peace Corps trainee; Jaet Paulas, 24, Austin, Tex.; Lana Phillips, 21, Austin, Tex.

Oscar Rayvela, 21, Austin, Tex.; Billy Snowden, 35, Austin, Tex.; Miguel Solish, 25, Austin, Tex.; Claire Wilson, 18, Austin, Tex.; Sandra Wilson, Austin, Tex.; Branda Wilkinson Littlefield, Austin, Tex.; Robert Freder Dorores Ortega, F. L. Fostern, Austin, Tex.; C. A. Stewart, Baytown, Tex., and Carla Wheeler, Austin.

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### Many Close Ties to Campus

## Shock at White House

The White House was directly affected yesterday by the University of Texas sniper killings at Austin, Tex.:

- Scott Carpenter, son of Lady Bird Johnson's press secretary, Mrs. Elizabeth Carpenter and Washington newspaperman Leslie Carpenter, narrowly missed being shot and saw two women slain before his eyes.

- The grandson of Paul Bolton, news director of the Johnson-owned KTBC television station at Austin and a personal friend of the Johnsons, was killed.

- Lynda Johnson graduated from the University in June and Luci Johnson and her husband-to-be Pat Nugent, plan to enroll on the campus this autumn.

While there was no official comment from the White House, it was known that President Johnson talked with Mr. Bolton to express his shock at the death of Mr. Bolton's grandson, Paul Sonntag.

Young Carpenter, who is taking a summer course at the university, talked with his parents by phone and said he was walking on the campus when he heard what sounded

"like firecrackers." He saw two women fall in front of him and he immediately fell to the ground. (UPI)

### New Gun Law Push

The University of Texas sniper slayings brought demands from congressmen again today for a major overhaul of Federal gun control laws.

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